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## Blast Furnace Hoisting Engine.

The Crane Bros. Mfg. Co., of Chicago, Ill., are the manufacturers of the automatic hoisting engine illustrated in the accompanying engraving, and which is specially designed for blast-furnace work. The first one built for the furnace of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Co. has now been in operation for nearly two years, during which time, we are informed, it has given entire satisfaction. A prominent feature of the engine consists in the fact that it is operated and controlled entirely by those at the top of the hoist, thus dispensing with the engineer usually required at the trolley of all large engines. Inspection alone will show that the different parts of the engine are strong and well proportioned, considering which, as well as the care with which the different portions have been put together, the manufacturers state that they do not hesitate in recommending it for double duty—for instance, where blast furnace stacks are close together. The hoist shown in the cut has an ample capacity for hoisting material necessary for an output of 400 tons per day. The cylinders are 14 by 18 inches, with a speed of 500 feet per minute, and the proportions of gear and pinion with the drum are made to suit the load and speed desired. The drum, moreover, can be arranged for any length of hoist. The manufacture of blast furnace hoisting engines has been a specialty of the company for almost 15 years, and they claim that one-sixth of all the furnaces in the country have adopted their engines, this undoubtedly being a sufficient guarantee of their merits. A special circular of blast-furnace engines, as well as other hoisting and coal-mining engines, giving the various sizes and duties, has been issued by the company and will be mailed on application.

## Cranes—A Study of Types and Details.\*

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### TRAVERSE GEAR.

In this, as in the hoisting gear, good design and construction are essential to economy of power, and frequently to safety against accidents. In some types of rotary cranes no traverse mechanism exists, except an arrangement of parts which provides for the rotation of the crane. In others, such as jib and derrick cranes, provision must also be made for moving the truck or trolley horizontally on the jib, and the same provision is required for moving the trolley of bridge and traveling cranes transversely on the bridge. In all such cases a separate mechanism, distinct from the hoisting gear, has heretofore been employed, and is still sometimes desirable or convenient. When employed, its parts should be as few and simple as possible, and it should be so far independent of the hoisting gear as to permit either to be used at any time separately or conjointly. In power cranes provision should be made for accelerating the speed of the trolley travel whenever the nature of the work admits of it. The best possible result is attained when travel of the trolley is effected without varying the vertical position of the load, and without causing useless movement of the hoisting chain or rope over the sheaves through which it supports the load, which movement would involve much additional friction, and cause rapid wear of the chain or rope.

In traveling cranes a point of great importance is the parallelism of the bridge travel with the longitudinal tracks. Any defect here results in increased resistance to traction, and any considerable error might cause derailment. In traveling cranes as heretofore built the use of flanged wheels has been relied upon to prevent derailment, and the propulsion of the bridge has been effected by a transverse shaft extending the whole length of the bridge, and connected by gearing with the truck wheels supporting each end of the bridge, so that by revolving the shaft the truck wheels would be rotated, and the bridge be thereby propelled, provided the adhesion between the wheels and the rails was sufficient. In some instances, where the adhesion has not been sufficient to prevent slipping, a cast-iron rack has been laid adjacent to the longitudinal tracks and extending their whole length, and pinions, gearing into this rack, attached to the axles of the truck wheels, so that propulsion is effected independently of the adhesion of the truck wheels to the track. If the load were always central on the bridge, and the motive power always applied to this shaft at the center of its length, this plan would answer well, although it is somewhat clumsy; but in practice the load is constantly varying in position, and the motive power is applied at one end of the long transverse shaft,

so that torsion of the shaft induces a considerable variation in the travel of the opposite ends of the bridge. This error is a constantly varying one, according to the position of the load resting upon each truck, as determined by the position of the trolley, the load being never equally distributed between the two trucks except when it is exactly in the center. It follows, therefore, that this system of bridge travel, although operative, is radically defective, and that its use involves a constant loss of power by needless friction, and entails a proportionate amount of wear and tear of rails, wheels and driving gear.

A better and more simple method of bridge propulsion has lately been introduced, by means of which the longitudinal motions of

primarily carried upon a flexible cord of some kind. This usually consists of rope, either hemp or wire, or of chain. Each of these has distinctive merits and objections. Ropes have the advantage of being formed of many parts or fibers, so that no splicing or welding is necessary in their manufacture, and they thus have an assured and practically uniform strength throughout their length. Chains, on the contrary, consist of a series of independent links, each of which is formed from a straight bar, and welded, so that a single imperfect weld injures the whole, the strength of a chain being obviously limited by the strength of its weakest link. By care and good workmanship, however, this danger can be avoided,

wheel, in a manner precisely similar to the motion of a rack driven by a pinion, or of one spur-wheel driven by another.

To be used in this way, it is necessary that the chain should have a constant and uniform "pitch"—that is, that every link should be exactly alike—so that the distance from link to link shall be always the same (just as in spur gearing the spacing, or pitch, of the teeth must be uniform), and also that the pitch or spacing of the pockets of the chain-wheel corresponds accurately with the pitch of the chain. If this be done, and if the chain have a cross section of such area that when carrying the full load it is not strained to its elastic limit or to a degree which will cause any permanent elongation of its links,

cylinder, which latter is only permissible for small chains and light loads.

For heavy cranes hemp ropes are rarely used, owing to the size and multiplicity of parts required, and to their rapid wear. They are also inadmissible where liable to be exposed to much heat, as, for instance, in a foundry. Wire ropes are more available, and are often employed, but these also wear rapidly, unless the sheaves and barrels around which they pass are of large diameter, while this requirement, if met, reduces the effective height of hoist and necessitates more parts or gearing to obtain the necessary purchase, and augments the bulkiness of the machine. Either material involves resort to a large winding barrel or drum. The usual and best device for large cranes is well-made chain, and this, when used with pocketed chain-wheels and sheaves, gives the best and most satisfactory results, and leaves nothing to be desired. The adoption of this plan dispenses with winding barrels, preserves the shape, and therefore the durability, of the links of the chain, and in every way simplifies and compacts the mechanism. The relative merits of the several systems may now be summed up as follows:

### (1) As to the Sustaining Cord.

**Hemp Ropes.**—Admissible only for small cranes not in frequent use and not exposed to the weather or to heat.

**Wire Ropes.**—Available under any ordinary conditions, but involving a winding barrel of large diameter and large sheaves; not economical of space.

**Chains.**—Possessing, if well made, all advantages and the greatest durability; common chain, requiring a winding drum, but permitting it and the sheaves to be of smaller diameter than with wire rope; pitch chain, dispensing with a drum and admitting of the use of a narrow chain-wheel.

### (2) As to the Winding Device for Hauling in and Paying Out the Rope or Chain.

**Winding Drums or Barrels.**—These must have a diameter and length such as will enable them to receive the whole length of rope or chain to be hauled in by winding it upon their surface in one coil, without overlapping. In large cranes the load is usually carried upon four, six, or even eight parts of rope or chain, so that the length to be wound up amounts to four, six or eight times the effective hoist, and the dimensions of the barrel thus become very large. Moreover, this barrel must either be caused to travel longitudinally on its shaft, so that the rope or chain, as it leads off, shall be always in the center of the crane and hoisting mechanism (which method of construction involves serious complication and greatly widens the space occupied by the gearing), or the rope or chain, as it uncoils, be permitted to vary in position from one end to the other of the barrel, in which case it is nearly always out

of center, thus inducing objectionable lateral strains and causing greater friction and wear.

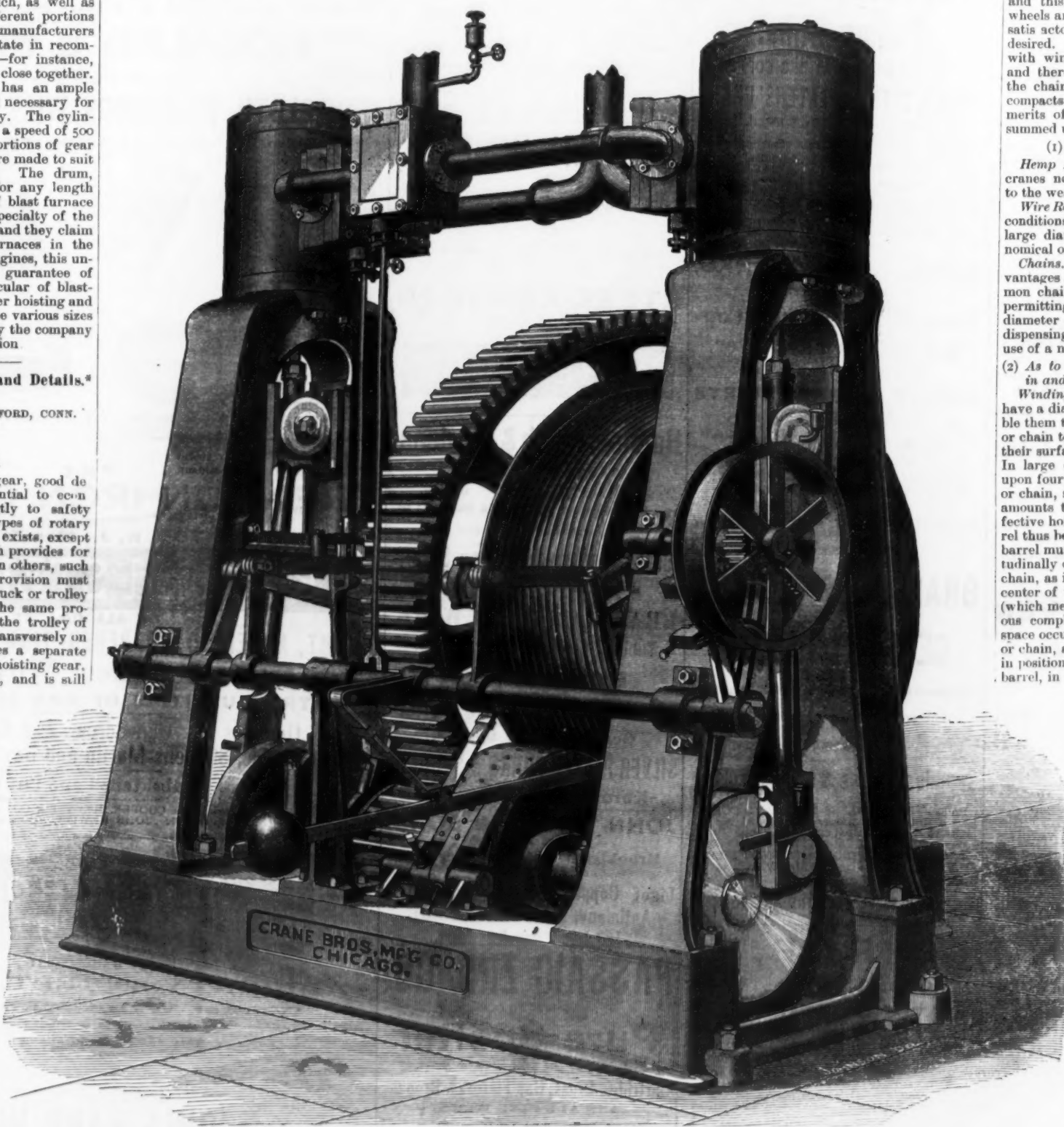
**Chain Wheels, with Pocketed.**—These require a width only slightly greater than a single part of the chain, and a diameter merely sufficient to give the proper engagement with it, so that both dimensions become much smaller than in a winding barrel, and the total space occupied is but a small fraction of that required for the latter device. The chain-wheel is fixed in direct line with the chain, and all lateral strains are avoided, while the flat bearings afforded for the chain by the pockets preserve the shape of the link, and protect them from bending strains. The slack chain after passing over the wheel falls into a proper receptacle below.

From this analysis of the facts is deduced the proposition that chains, if well made, constitute the best form of flexible cord for sustaining the load in a crane, and that a well-constructed chain-wheel (as contradistinguished from a winding barrel) is the best form of device for hauling in and paying out the chain, and, therefore, that the best method of crane construction involves the use of these two elements.

### TROLLEYS AND TRUCKS.

The trolley of a crane is the movable carriage from which the load is immediately suspended and by which longitudinal motion of the load upon the jib, or the bridge of a crane, is effected. The term truck is usually restricted to the wheeled carriage used to support each end of the bridge of a traveling crane, or the corresponding part of rectilinear cranes of all kinds. Rectilinear cranes require usually at least one trolley and one or more trucks. Rotary cranes require usually a trolley only.

The whole load of a crane is hung primarily upon the trolley, and where trucks are used, is transferred in full to them, together with the weight of the crane itself. It is desirable, therefore, that these parts should not only possess ample strength to resist the strains they may be subjected to, but also that they be so arranged that any yielding or breakage of their parts will not allow the load to fall to the ground, but only permit it



BLAST FURNACE HOISTING ENGINE, BUILT BY THE CRANE BROS. MFG. CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

the bridge are effected by pulling each of its ends, simultaneously and at equal speed, in the desired direction. For this purpose light wire cables are used, which, by a very simple and ingenious arrangement of guide-sheaves, are made to act as a "squaring device" to hold the bridge at all times perpendicular, or square, to the tracks upon which it travels. By this system the friction of traction is reduced to a minimum, and the danger of derailment from unequal travel of the opposite ends of the bridge entirely obviated.

From the above facts it becomes evident that a perfect system of bridge propulsion must hold the bridge always absolutely square with its tracks, and must propel the opposite ends of the bridge in the same direction, at the same time and at the same speed, however unequally the load may be distributed. It is desirable also that, in large cranes at least, provision be made for starting the bridge slowly from a state of rest, and then increasing the speed, and also for varying the speed while the bridge is in motion.

CHAINS VS. ROPES, AND CHAIN-WHEEL VS. DRUMS.

In almost every type of crane the load is

in which case the chain becomes as safe as the rope, and much more durable.

Where a rope is used, the hoisting gear must necessarily include a drum or barrel upon which the rope is wound up when hoisting takes place. Chain may also be thus wound up on a barrel, and this has heretofore been the common practice when chains have been employed in crane construction, and a prominent feature in cranes of large capacity has usually been a proportionately large "winding barrel" to receive the chain. A chain, however, admits of another mode of construction, which consists in substituting for the wide barrel or drum a pocketed "chain wheel," consisting of a narrow wheel or sheave, of a width only slightly greater than that of the chain, and having formed upon its periphery a series of indentations or "pockets," exactly corresponding in size and shape with the links of the chain, so that the chain and the pockets fit together accurately, and slipping of the chain upon the chain-wheel becomes impossible. It thus follows that rotation of the chain-wheel causes positive motion of the chain at a speed equal to the circumferential velocity of the

then a chain may be thus used, in engagement with a pocketed chain-wheel, as well and as safely as on a barrel. Indeed, a properly-shaped wheel of this kind is much easier on the chain than a winding barrel or drum, for the reason that the latter has a cylindrical surface, while the bearing face of the former is not cylindrical, but polygonal, the bed or bottom of each pocket being tangential to the radius at its center, and so presenting a flat surface for the parallel sides of each alternate link to bear upon. When the chain is wrapped upon a cylindrical barrel, on the other hand, the straight sides of every alternate link, being tangential to the surface of the barrel, can each touch it at one point only, the link being unsupported throughout the rest of its length, and the tendency of the strain induced by the load is to bend each of these links to the contour of the barrel. This effect may be easily seen in any chain which has been wrapped, under severe strain, upon a cylindrical barrel, unless the diameter of the barrel be very large. The spiral grooving of a barrel does not remedy this fault, although it affords a much better bearing for the chain than a plain



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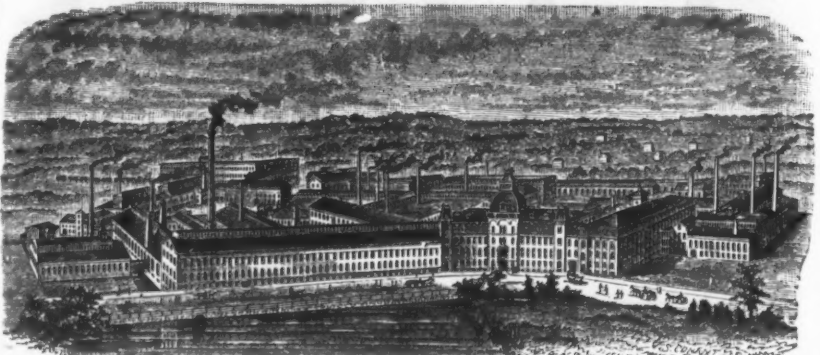
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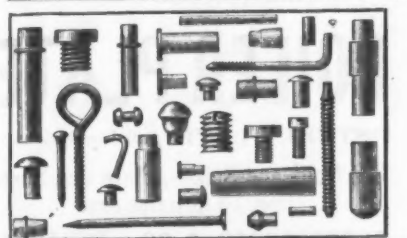
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to descend until the supporting beam rests on the rails upon which the trolley or truck is to travel. For this reason the construction should be such that the ends of the bridge, in traveling and similar cranes, overlap the longitudinal tracks, and the axles or housings of the trolley, in cranes of all kinds, overlap the rails upon which it runs. It is further desirable that the vertical distance between these overlapping parts and the rails be as small as possible, so that, in the event of any break occurring, the distance through which these parts pass before being arrested is so small that no serious shock can ensue. With careful designing this distance can be reduced to merely the necessary clearance of the parts, which need not exceed more than 1 inch or less.

A natural preference exists for wrought iron rather than cast iron as the material from which to construct the moving parts of a crane, and, unquestionably, it is always best to use wrought iron for parts that are to be exposed to tension under heavy loads. Cast iron, however, is the better material for those parts that are subject to compression, and by skillful designing it is usually possible to so arrange the parts of trolleys and trucks as to use cast iron wherever stiffness or resistance to compression is required, while still employing wrought iron for the parts under tension. In this way the greatest economy is attained, and not unfrequently a better result secured than by the use of either material alone.

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**FRAMES AND GIRDERS.**

In the early building of cranes, timber was chiefly used in the construction of their framework, and is still much employed in this country. Improvements in the manufacture of structural irons, and the large variety of shapes now obtainable, have, however, greatly altered the relative cost of construction in timber and iron, and made it possible to employ iron much more largely than formerly.

Experience in the practical designing and building of cranes of many types has convinced the writer that, by the proper use of materials, crane construction in iron costs, in most cases, little, if any, more than in wood. For example, the frame of an ordinary jib crane consists of three principal members—the mast, the jib and the brace. If of iron, each of these consist of a single piece of bar, or, in larger cranes, of two parallel pieces, and the union of these several members at their intersections is accomplished simply and very economically. If timber be used, on the other hand, more or less trussing is required, except for small cranes, and many bolts, washers and castings are necessary to provide for the proper bearing of one part upon the other, and to securely fasten the several parts together. The iron frame, when once properly put together, is practically imperishable. If properly painted it will not deteriorate, nor is it affected by exposure to the weather, or by extremes of heat and cold. A timber frame, on the contrary, is liable to decay, which is hastened by exposure to the weather, and it is unfavorably affected by heat. More or less shrinkage of the timber always occurs, thereby relaxing the engagement of the several parts, and disturbing the relations of the bearings which receive the strains caused by the load. The result of these changes in a timber frame is to permit more or less working of the parts one upon the other. This tends to augment the trouble from which it arises, and as a result the safety of the crane is lessened and its durability continually impaired.

So also in the bridges for traveling cranes. If the span be great, construction in timber involves much splicing, and this in turn necessitates unnecessary material in many places. The trussing and bolting requires a considerable amount of ironwork, and usually necessitates a deeper girder than is required in iron, thus lessening the available head-room beneath the crane. It is believed that an accurate comparison of the relative costs of crane frames or girders built in wood and in iron, if proportioned with an equal factor of safety throughout, would show little, if any, economy of first cost in favor of wood.

The availability of iron for structures of this kind has been greatly increased by the ability of the mills to produce extreme lengths when required. No difficulty is now experienced in this country in obtaining the heaviest channel and I-beams in lengths of 50 feet or more, and the largest angle irons are also obtainable in single lengths of 80 or 90 feet. It thus becomes possible to form each of the principal members of cranes of a single continuous iron, the advantages of which are too obvious to need description. It will be conceded that iron frames and girders are much to be preferred for every reason, with the single exception of possible economy of first cost. Taking into account, however, all of the conditions and considerations above mentioned, it is believed that the difference in first cost is so slight—in many cases not appreciable—that the frames and girders of cranes of all, except, perhaps, the smaller kinds, should now be built entirely of iron.

In conclusion, it may be hoped that the foregoing analysis will conduce to a clearer understanding of cranes, both as regards their various forms or types, and the more important details of their construction. The tendency of the day in all directions is toward the specializing of products—that is, the concentration of the abilities and resources of individual establishments upon the development of certain distinct or special

products. Consumers are the ones most benefited by this condition of things, since it enables them to procure products of higher quality and ultimately at a lessened cost. Where such specialists exist, the best result is usually attained by submitting to them a clear statement of the work to be done and of the surrounding conditions, and by accepting the advice thus obtained as to the type or form of machine best adapted to meet the special requirements of the case.

In the very animated discussion which followed the reading of this paper, Mr. Thos. R. Morgan, of Alliance, Ohio, gave an interesting account of some English cranes made by Appleby, and also some cranes of his own—one being in use at the Dickson Mfg. Co.'s shop—which he had recently constructed, and which are now in use. He laid considerable stress upon the fact that the rack gearing alongside of the track, intended to preserve parallelism, was not at all necessary. He did not believe there was any great danger to the parallelism of traveling cranes when a line of shafting ran across them. Double flanges he regarded as an extra safeguard, and of worm gearing he seemed to have a very small opinion, especially where a large amount of power was to be transmitted. The crane built for the Dickson Co. has no worms, and the motive power is a square shaft running longitudinally through the building. This is 3 inches on a side, and is welded up so as to be in a single piece from end to end, and is 200 feet long. In regard to the economy of such cranes, Mr. Morgan said that they had formerly found a gang of 25 or 30 men and a foreman necessary. Naturally, the labor bill was running high, for 15 tons in a single piece was only an ordinary weight with them. When they got the crane, however, the number of laborers was vastly diminished, and a 14-ton cylinder and piston was weighed and placed upon the top of its frame with remarkable ease. The lift was some 6 or 7 feet, all three motions of the crane were running, and it was placed in 7 minutes. We understood Mr. Morgan to say that the whole was accomplished by the aid of one or two men. A very high compliment was paid by Mr. Morgan to the Frisbie clutch, which he has adopted in his machinery. Near the tension rods by which the cranes are controlled are little signs, each containing a single word. These are, "up," "down," "slow," "quick," "in," "out," "left," "right," with another for the "brake." By this means it is easy for any one to learn the management of the crane, and for orders to be given without confusion.

In the afternoon the discussion of this subject was resumed, and Mr. Durfee put upon the blackboard a drawing of a very peculiar crane, which he had designed some 10 years ago for lifting the rollers from a rail train. It was made in a very peculiar form, being a traveling crane in which one end moved on an elevated rail and the other end was supported on the floor, the crane and its bracing having a sort of T shape. The vertical part of the crane was an A or gallews frame supported on rollers.

Referring to the subject of chains, Mr. Walker pointed out the fact that, where they run over drums, the flat or horizontal link ought never to touch the barrel of the drum. The vertical link should bear on the groove and the horizontal one should be entirely clear, and he said that he thought the complaint in regard to the destruction of chains arose chiefly from the fact that the horizontal links wore on the cylindrical drum.

Mr. Collins made a sketch on the blackboard, illustrating a method by which two drums could be used where it was desirable to avoid having a spiral groove on the winding drum. Each of the drums had the same number of grooves, and were placed close together, but the chain was wound around the pair in a spiral direction, the groove on one drum coming opposite the high place on the other. Of course, there is to this plan the objection of the binding force of the chain upon the two drums, which is exceedingly destructive upon the bearings, but to obviate this a small shaft is placed between them, with a friction-wheel on the shaft bearing on the two drums, which then roll upon this wheel.

On this subject Mr. Oberlin Smith said: "It is the custom in a great many places where hoisting machinery is used to give the word of command in such terms as 'H'ist her down'; 'Now let her go'; 'Let her run a little'; 'There, now'; 'That'll do'; 'Now let her go'; 'Run her out a little'; 'Run her back'; 'Whon! there!'; and all such terms, sometimes in a very indistinct voice, and it is a source of danger, undoubtedly, especially with cranes where they move quickly, and there should be provided near the hoisting machine a card stating what words of command are to be given in all cases where words can be heard at all. There are cases where there is so much noise that a code of signals should be adopted, but in most cases words can be heard if they are properly spoken, and, of course, they should be sharp and crisp, perfectly plain and definite, and the same word should always mean the same thing. I know, in one of the best shops in Philadelphia some years ago, the practice was to say anything at all. A very frequent expression was, 'H'ist her away now!'; My practice is to have a code of words which must be strictly adhered to—simply 'Up,' 'down,' 'in,' 'out,' 'east,' 'west,' or 'north,' 'south,' as the crane happens to stand, and 'stop.' Just those nine words will manage an ordinary crane. Of course, where there are more motions other words are necessary, but they can all be just as short as those; and if the workmen are allowed to use no others, and are trained in speaking distinctly and loudly, it may in some cases save accidents."

Mr. Capen said: "I should like to say, in connection with the subject just referred to by the gentleman, that it has been the practice, in instructing the operators of cranes manufactured by the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., to take their directions from motions of the for-man or whoever may have charge of the job. There are no words used whatever. He makes his motions, up or down, as the case may be, with the hand, and a quick upward motion of the hand stops all motions. We find that to work much better than any shouting. In regard to the discussion, I am very sorry that Mr. Towne is not here to



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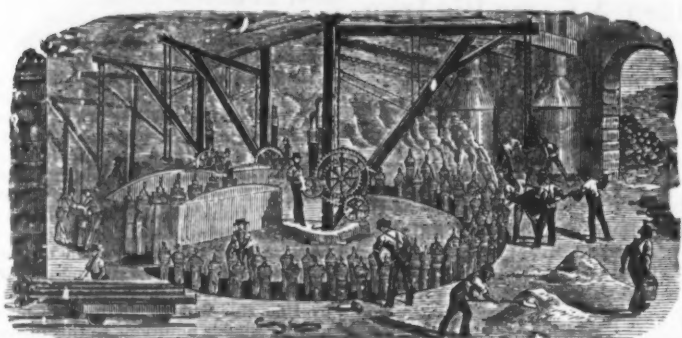
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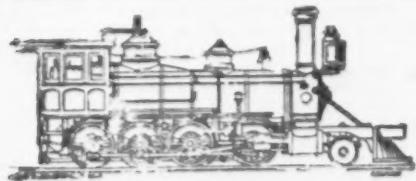
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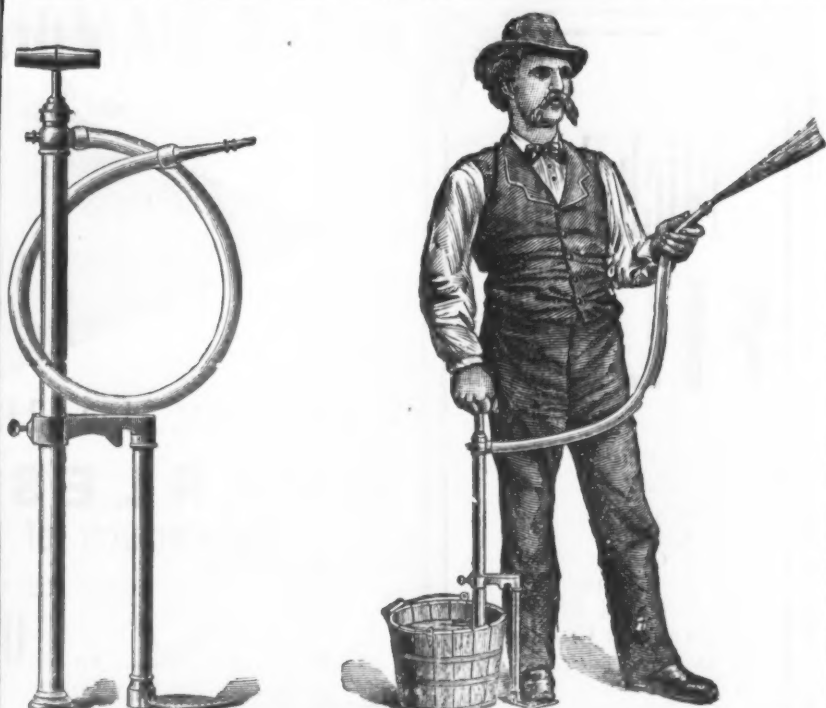
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"They will not," says the new man.

"All right, as it is necessary, you shall have your chuck," says the manager, "and don't forget that when I ask you questions of that kind I only want to know the reason, so that I can see my way clear."

But suppose the man simply knew that the new chuck was necessary, and could not explain why, then the case would have been entirely altered, for, there being no apparent reason offered for the change, it would appear simply as unnecessary.

Some men, indeed, seem to think that it is essential to make changes of some kind. Indeed, I have now in mind two cases in which new foremen were at a loss what to change, and after due consideration one changed the position of the grindstone and the other that of the clock, and that was all the improvement either of them found himself capable of inaugurating. When a firm have determined upon a change of system it is not sufficient for the reorganizer to simply say, "I want so and so, and so and so, done," because, let him be as good a man as he may, he has not as yet proved to that firm that he cannot make mistakes, or that every new expenditure he desires to make is an absolutely essential one and the best one to make under the conditions. Too many seem to think that it is sufficient that they who are hired because they are supposed to know, say that so and so is necessary, forgetting that the principal or proprietor has everything at stake and is in the hands of a man who has shown his ability and gained reputation in some other shop, and not in this one, and therefore not under the same conditions. On the other hand, many managers forget that a change of system from making piecemeal to manufacturing in gross means a change from lathes, planing and shaping machines to monitor lathes and milling machines; so much so, indeed, that one may form some idea of how much change has been made by simply asking, "How many less shaping machines, planing machines and lathes have you than before, and did you have any milling machines, edging machines or turret lathes before, and how many have you got now, and how many tool makers did you have and have you now, and, finally, what has been the comparative employment of emery-wheels under the two systems?" for, although change is not always improvement, yet these changes are inevitable if making is to be supplanted by manufacturing.—*Mechanics.*

### Burglars' Hardware.

In two large glass cases at Police Headquarters in this city are displayed hundreds of implements which have been used by burglars in making their way into dwelling-houses and stores. There are implements with which robbers exert great force in breaking open heavy doors and shutters and in wrenching off the hinges of safes. Much noise is necessarily caused in their use. There are others which are used so silently that with their aid a burglar can enter a room where persons are sleeping without making an alarm. For heavy work the "jimmy" is a favorite tool of the burglar. It is a modified iron crowbar, often made in sections in order to be more convenient for carrying on the person. The ends are made of the finest steel, usually wedge-shaped or chisel-shaped, but frequently having sharp cutting edges. With two or three large sectional jimmies thieves can open the strongest of store shutters and doors. Burglars' tools are made of the best materials, and the mechanical workmanship displayed in them is of the best. Most of them can be used readily as deadly weapons of offense and defense. Several of the best jimmies at Police Headquarters were made by Adams, alias Moore, the bank burglar, now in prison. Other implements made by him are fine diamond-pointed drills, bits and braces. Persons who rely on iron bars, set across the basement windows of their houses to keep out thieves would be astonished by the working of "dividers," long screw bolts on which are nuts attached to hooks. A few turns of the bolts, by means of a lever, will spread bars

far enough apart to permit a man to enter. When robbers wish to open doors without breaking them, they often use pick-locks or skeleton keys, of which there are many specimens at Police Headquarters. Keys left in locked doors are turned from the outside easily with a pair of slender pincers called "nippers." Occupants of houses can protect themselves against the use of such implements, however, by a simple device recommended by the detectives. A piece of strong wire, about a foot long, bent over the handle of a door and passed through the ring of the key, will make it impossible to unlock the door from the outside. Burglars laugh at the fastenings of windows which are not guarded by strong shutters. On windy nights they quickly cut out pieces of glass near the fastenings, using a piece of putty to deaden the sound and to keep the glass from falling inside the window. The noise made in the operation will not waken a light sleeper. Large pieces of wooden shutters are removed by the use of fine augers and greased saws. When proper openings are made the thieves can remove ordinary window fastenings, and even heavy cross-bars, without arousing the inmates of a house. In the collection of articles used by thieves also are dark lanterns, face masks, pistols and knives, leaden mallets, rope ladders, bits and braces, and many tools commonly used by carpenters and machinists.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY OF ARTS, TWENTY-FIRST YEAR, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The volume before us includes meetings from No. 288 to 303. The subjects covered are interesting, and the way in which they have been handled and the reports made are exceedingly valuable and worthy of the greatest praise. A good and short report of a long paper or long discussion is one of the most difficult things to write, and the uniform excellence of these reports shows the highest skill on the part of both reporter and editor. We notice one very interesting report of a discussion by Mr. Hamilton A. Hill on the Cummer engine. Mr. Hill speaks of it as more nearly approaching perfection in high piston speeds, simple details, perfection of workmanship and automatic cutting off than any other engine now before the public. In noting the different parts, he remarked the slight friction even in 100-horse-power engines, where the eccentric is 4 inches in diameter, with only 2 1/4 inch space. Mr. Porter, at the 291st meeting of the society, read a paper on some of the principles involved in the construction of high-speed steam engines. It gives an interesting history of the Porter Allen engine, and the gradual spread of the high speeds among engine builders. There was also an elaborate treatment of some of the limitations and the method of obtaining the requisite rates in the reciprocating parts.

A TREATISE ON EXPLOSIVE COMPOUNDS, MACHINE ROCK DRILLS AND BLASTING, by Henry S. Drinker. Published by John Wiley & Sons. Quarto: 10 x 12 inches in size; 400 pages, with illustrations and folded plates. Bound in cloth. Price, \$5.

Mr. Drinker is favorably known to the engineering profession as the author of a work on tunneling, first issued in 1878 and recently republished in an enlarged edition. The present volume is a continuation of the work commenced in the first-named treatise, bringing the special subjects to which it is devoted fully down to date. The work now issued is in some respects a rescript of those portions of the original work which were devoted to explosive compounds, rock drills and blasting. It is likely to be of great service to students of engineering, and to engineers who desire to investigate those subjects without going into that fuller consideration of the principles of tunneling which are necessary to the engineer or contractor actually engaged in tunneling construction. There is no other full work in English on these subjects, although many valuable monographs and papers, especially on explosive compounds and on the phenomena attendant on explosion and detonation, have appeared within the last decade in pamphlet form. The work is comprised in six chapters, the titles of which will afford an adequate idea of its general scope. The first is, "A History of Rock Excavation, Tunneling and Blasting from the Reign of Rameses II to the Present Time." Following in succession are, "A History of Explosive Compounds, Rock Drilling and Blasting;" "Explosive Compounds;" "Principles of Blasting;" "Air Compressors and Machine Rock Drills;" "Machine Rock Drills, their History and Characteristics;" and "The Application of Machine Rock Drills and High Explosives in Modern Tunneling." In the latter chapter the history of various prominent tunnels is given, among which may be mentioned the Hoosac, the Sutor, Mont Cenis and St. Gothard tunnels. The book is copiously illustrated throughout.

STATISTICAL TABLES OF AMERICAN WATER WORKS. By J. J. R. Cross. Published by the Engineering News Publishing Co. Size, 6 x 9 inches; 113 pages. Price, \$1.

These tables, which have been compiled from special returns, formed part of a paper entitled "The History and Statistics of American Water Works," read before the American Society of Civil Engineers some time ago. The compilation embraces two tables, the first of which contains the names of 793 places in which it is known that water works are in operation or which are now in course of construction. They are given in alphabetical order, with the source and mode of supply, cost of the works and the names of the principal officers. The sources of supply are classified as lakes, rivers, surface water, springs, artesian wells and ground water. All the information given in these tables was derived from special returns, made either by officers of the works or residents of the towns, except the names of some builders of pumping machinery, which were obtained from a table prepared by the Holly Mfg. Co. in 1878. It is perhaps needless to state that the collection of the facts summarized has been a task of considerable difficulty, and in view of the interest attached to them, cannot but meet with a good deal of appreciation.



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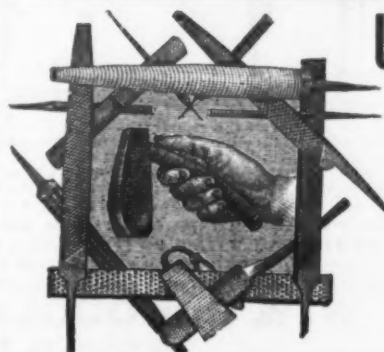
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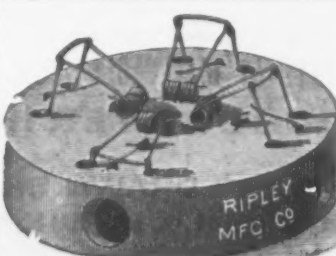
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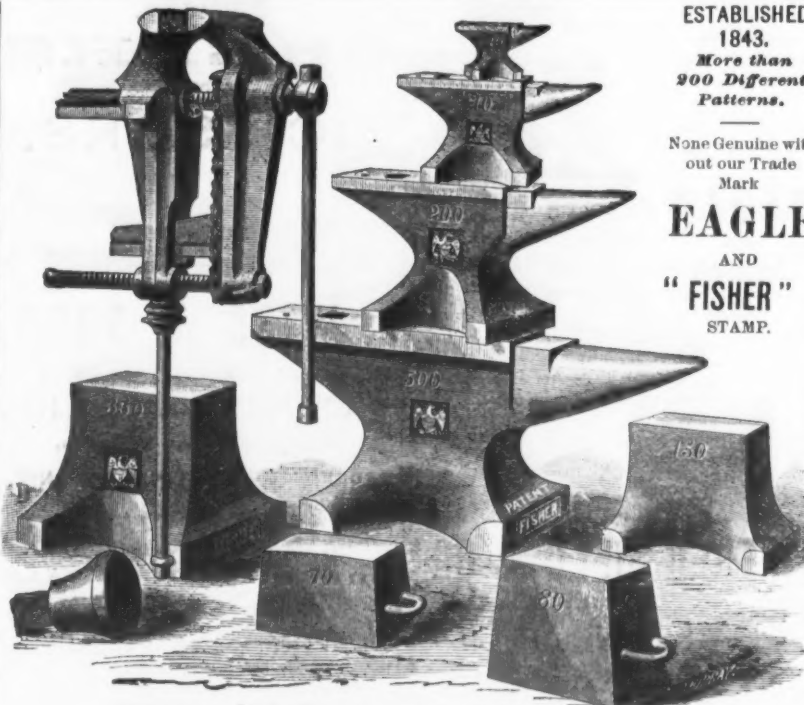
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been published for several years by the  
same parties who now put forth the *Ameri-  
can Counting-Room*. The field which the  
*Bookkeeper* attempted to cover, being that  
of business methods, counting-room practice,  
finance and kindred interests, proved larger  
than the title of the periodical, and the  
change which has taken place has been  
solely to adapt the journal to the work that  
is presented. The July issue contained an  
illustrated description of the new Produce  
Exchange Building, of this city, presenting  
a fine engraving of the front of the building,  
together with floor plans showing the  
several divisions of the building for business  
purposes. A department called "Count-  
ing-Room Chats" contained a number of  
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and business men upon topics of interest to  
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commercial and financial topics are pre-  
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commercial events for the month, business  
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vided the subject into a number of principal  
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tects. Nineteen authors' names appear in  
the list in the front of the book. Their re-  
sidences, however, are comprised in a much  
smaller number of towns. We notice New  
York, Brooklyn and Albany in this State,  
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tion is very good. The contrast of light and  
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this character.

**HAND-SAWS—THEIR USE, CARE AND ABUSE. HOW  
TO SELECT AND HOW TO FILE THEM.** By Fred T.  
Hodgson. Published by the Industrial Publica-  
tion Co. Size, 5 x 7 inches; 96 pages; 75 en-  
gravings. Price, \$1.

This book, as the author very plainly  
states in his preface, is mainly a compilation  
and adaptation of other works which have  
preceded it. He gives a list of the books to  
which he has been indebted, among which  
may be mentioned Wilkinson's "Egyptian  
Antiquities;" Beckman's "History of In-  
ventions;" Worsam on "Mechanical Saws;"  
Holtzapfel's "Turning and Mechanical Ma-  
nipulation;" Knight's "Mechanical Dictio-  
nary;" "Encyclopedia Britannica;" Rich-  
ards' "Wood-Working Machinery;" and  
"Grimshaw on Saws." He also mentions  
several of the current mechanical journals  
as being sources of information. An idea of  
the scope of the work can be as well con-  
veyed by mentioning the chapter headings  
as by any other plan. They are as follows:  
"History of the Saw;" "Philosophy of the  
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trations are very inferior, being reproduc-

tions from indifferent originals, it is a desir-  
able handbook for use by amateurs and ap-  
prentices. The practical carpenter and  
builder are likely to obtain many hints from  
it, which, applied in his every day business,  
cannot fail to be of advantage to him.

**PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SCENE PAINTING AND PAINT-  
ING IN DISTEMPER.** By F. Lloyds. With illus-  
trations drawn by the author. Published by Jesse  
Haney & Co. Pamphlet cover; size, 7 x 10 in-  
ches; 90 pages. Price, \$1.

This is a cheap American edition of a  
somewhat expensive English work that has  
enjoyed a considerable measure of popularity  
in this country. The original work, if we  
mistake not, retails for about \$5. The re-  
print is quite as handsome as the original  
edition, and, although it is classed as a cheap  
work, it is in clear type, with adequate illus-  
trations and printed upon good quality of  
paper with wide margins. In the book di-  
rections are given for all the implements and  
materials required in scene painting, includ-  
ing the construction of scaffolding, or, rather,  
the "painting bridge," as it is called. Di-  
rections with reference to the use of colors  
are also contained, and instructions for the  
preparation of canvases are given. These di-  
rections precede the actual work of delineat-  
ing the design upon the scene. The work is  
practical in all particulars, and cannot fail  
to interest those who have occasion to seek  
information of this general character.

#### Coal Production in France.

Statistics recently published and relating  
to the working of the coal mines in the Pas-  
de-Calais, France, show that during the year  
1881, 51 mines were worked in this depart-  
ment, and the quantity of coal produced  
shows a steady increase, having been in  
1879, 4,175,573 tons; in 1880, 4,844,323  
tons, and in 1881, 5,320,390 tons. During  
1881, of the 24,538 persons employed in  
these mines, 679 were injured, more or less  
severely, and 35 met their deaths, or one  
death by accident to every 701 workmen; one  
accident was exceptionally serious, having  
resulted in the loss of eight lives and injury  
to one person. The average cost of raising the  
coal was 10 francs 25 centimes (about \$2.05)  
per ton. In the department of the Nord, 46  
coal mines were worked in 1881, being the  
same number as in the previous year; the  
output of coal was 3,671,702 tons, or a de-  
crease of 29,887 tons, as compared with 1880.  
The quality of this coal is superior to that of  
the Pas-de-Calais. In the coal mines of the  
Nord the number of workmen employed  
above ground was 4675, and underground,  
16,026; the wages paid amounted to over  
20,000,000 francs. There were 11 deaths from  
accidents in 1881, or one death to every 1889  
workmen, against a proportion of one to 1721  
in the previous year, and one to 812 in 1879.  
No special information is published regard-  
ing these accidents. No iron mines were  
worked in the Nord during 1881, and in the  
Pas-de-Calais, among the deposits of iron-  
stone of the Boulonnais, that of Outreau  
alone was worked; it afforded employment  
to 142 men, and yielded 51,000 tons of raw  
ore; these, together with 30,000 tons which  
had previously been mined at Marquise,  
passed through the works, and gave 30,000  
tons of dressed ore, containing on an  
average about 54 per cent. of iron. In the  
Pas-de-Calais the blast furnaces of Marquise  
and Outreau produced 56,500 tons of pig iron  
in 1881, and the works of St. Laurant, which  
recommenced work at the end of the year,  
produced a small quantity of merchant and  
special iron.

#### TRADE PUBLICATIONS.

##### Air Compressors.

The Morris County Machine and Iron Co.,  
of Dover, N. J., have just issued a catalogue  
describing their new high-speed air com-  
pressor, and containing matter of general  
interest to those using this class of machin-  
ery. Sectional views of the compressor, and  
also indicator cards, are submitted, and con-  
tribute greatly to the appearance of the  
publication.

##### Economist Plow Co.

We are in receipt of a circular issued by  
the Economist Plow Co., bearing date of  
July 1, 1883, giving the special reasons for  
the construction employed in the Economist  
plow and the advantages gained thereby.  
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directed is the construction of the share,  
which is divided into two parts, the point or  
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blade. Each part is bolted directly to the  
standard, which permits of the removal of  
the nose, which wears out quickest, without  
disturbing the wing, and vice versa. The  
special advantage claimed for this construc-  
tion is the material saving in the cost of re-  
pairs, and the manufacturers rely upon it as  
one of the greatest selling features of their  
goods. A very careful description is also  
presented of the construction incorporated in  
the plow named, whereby greater durability  
and better working service is obtained than  
in other articles with which it is in competi-  
tion. The works of the Economist Plow Co.  
are situated at South Bend, Ind.

##### New Methods of Lubrication.

We have received from Mr. A. E. Bar-  
thell, New York, sole licensee and manufac-  
turer of the Reiser, Stauffer & Tovote  
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pamphlet describing the goods above indi-  
cated. As a specimen of color printing, it is  
one of the handsomest we have ever seen,  
and is altogether unique. The production is  
from the lithographic establishment of Messrs.  
Sackett, Wilhelms & Betzig, of this city.  
The cover has several distinct shades of color  
upon it, in addition to bronze fac similes of  
medals and bronze stars upon a flag, and  
bronze lettering. The colors are judiciously  
arranged, and so blend as to make it at first  
sight seem impossible of production by the  
ordinary process of printing. In the inside  
of the work still more remarkable color ef-  
fects are shown. Full-size fac-simile repre-  
sentations of the fixtures used in the different  
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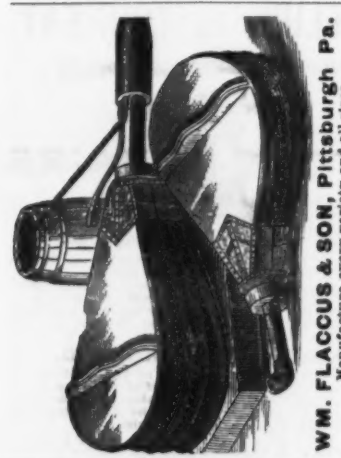
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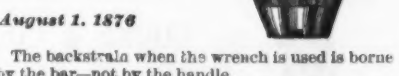
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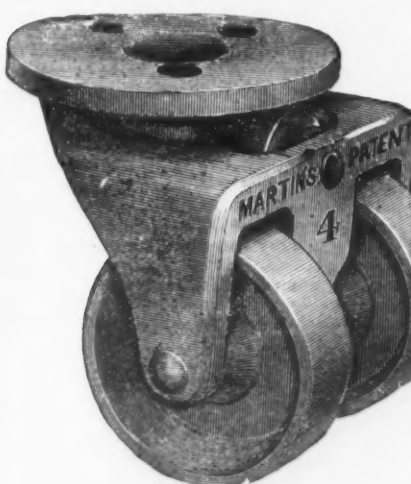
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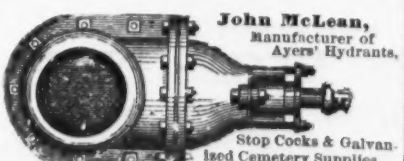


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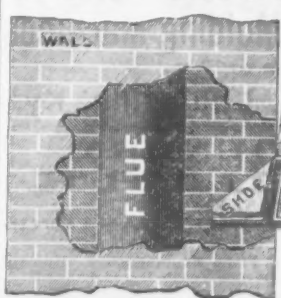
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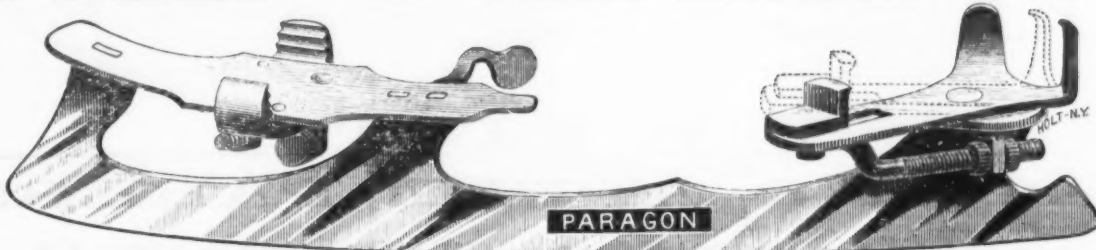


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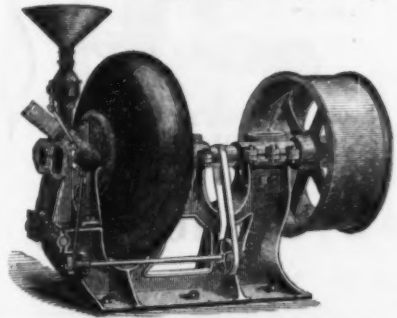
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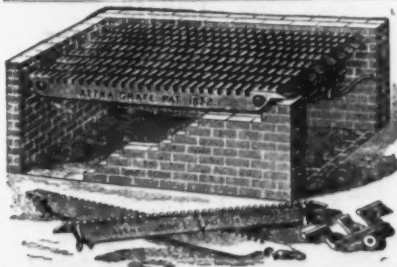
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## SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

### Utilizing Ashes.

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### A Liquid Voltaic Cell.

In the ordinary voltaic element, two solid plates are acted on unequally by one or more liquids. Mr. F. W. Clarke, an American electrician, has devised a cell of three non-mixable liquid strata and no solid plates. In a small weather glass, layers of mercury, dilute sulphuric acid and a solution of iodine in ether were placed. Upon connecting the uppermost and lowest layers with insulated wires, and introducing a galvanometer into the circuit, a considerable current is indicated. The experiment is interesting, but such an arrangement is hardly a practical battery. Under certain conditions, however, it might yield a constant electro-motive force.

### A New Explosive.

Herr Koppel, a German chemist, has brought out a new explosive substance, which he expects to be less costly than any other, to give out no injurious fumes, and not to be liable to explosion by shock or friction. The following figures give the composition of two kinds, the first of each pair of figures relating to explosives suitable for hard rocks, such as basalt, and the second of each pair for softer, such as sandstone:

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Charcoal	6	7
Sulphate of soda	4.25	5
Prussiate of potash	2.25	3
Refined sugar	2.25	3
Picric acid	1.25	1.50
Total	100	100

### The First Electric Telegraph.

According to *Engineering*, the idea of the practical application of the electric telegraph to the transmission of messages was first suggested by an anonymous correspondent of the *Scotts Magazine* in a letter dated Renfrew, February 1, 1753, signed C. M., and entitled "An Expeditious Method of Conveying Intelligence." After very considerable trouble Sir David Brewster identified the writer as Charles Morrison, a native of Greenock, who was bred a surgeon, and experimented so largely in science that he was regarded in Renfrew as a wizard, and eventually found it convenient to leave that town and settle in Virginia, where he died. Mr. Morrison sent an account of his experiments to Sir Hans Sloane, the President of the Royal Society, in addition to publishing them anonymously, as stated above. The letter set forth a scheme by which a number of wires, equal to the letters of the alphabet, should be extended horizontally, parallel to one another, and about one inch apart, between two places. At every 20 yards they were to be carried on glass supports, and at each end they were to project 6 inches beyond the last support, and have sufficient strength and elasticity to recover their situation after having been brought into contact with an electric gun-barrel, placed at right angles to their length about an inch below them. Close by the last supporting glass a ball was to be suspended from each wire, and about a sixth or an eighth of an inch below the balls the letters of the alphabet were to be placed on bits of paper, or any substance light enough to rise to the electrified ball, and so contrived that each might resume its proper place when dropped. With an apparatus thus constructed the conversation with the distant end of the wires was carried on by depressing successively the ends of the wires cor-

responding to the letters of the words until they made contact with the electric gun-barrel, when immediately the same characters would rise to the electrified balls at the far station. Another method consisted in the substitution of bells in place of the letters. These were sounded by the electric spark breaking against them. According to another plan, the wires could be kept constantly charged, and the signal sent by discharging them. Mr. Morrison's experiments did not extend over circuits longer than 40 yards, but he had every confidence that the range of action could be greatly lengthened if due care were given to the insulation of the wires.

### Egyptian Lamps.

Among recent acquisitions by the South Kensington Museum may be mentioned four enameled glass lamps for suspension in mosques, which were obtained on loan for the museum from the Khedive himself. The Arab Art Museum, in the mosque of El-Hakim at Cairo, contains more than 80 of these lamps, including more than a dozen duplicates. It was from these duplicates that permission was received to select the four which are now exhibited at South Kensington. They are fine specimens of their class; the coloring of one is especially beautiful, and they all belong to the best period of Arab work. Three of them bear the name and titles of Sultan Hassan (who reigned A. D. 1347-51, and again 1354-61), and came from his great mosque in front of the citadel, and the fourth has the title of El-Melik Ez-Zahir Barkuk (1382-99), the founder of the dynasty of Circassian Mamelukes which succeeded that of the Turkish Mamelukes, to which Sultan Hassan belonged. The colors of the enamel are chiefly cobalt and a dark red, with touches of white and pale green. An incomplete sentence from the Koran runs round the necks of three of them. It is appropriately taken from the Chapter of Light (xxiv.), and reads: "God is the Light of the Heavens and the Earth. His light is as a niche, in which is a lamp; the lamp is in a glass; the glass is, as it were, a glittering star," &c. The Moslems are almost as fond of this verse as they are of the celebrated Ayat El-Kursi, or "Throne-verse," which meets the eye in almost every mosque and tomb in Cairo.

### Boiling Points of Saline Solutions.

The boiling point of any liquid is not affected by foreign bodies so long as these do not chemically combine with it. Thus, stones, masses of metal, &c., would not have any effect on the boiling point. A great number of salts, however, do combine chemically, thus raising the boiling point, as shown in the appended table, which gives the boiling points of saturated solutions. Of course, by solution, any temperature between 212° (the boiling point of the solvent, which in this case is water) and that given in the table may be obtained. It should be here observed that the vapor found at the surface of a saline solution is that of pure water, and has a temperature of 212° at atmospheric pressure, although the temperature of the solution itself may be much higher. Thus a saturated solution of common salt boils at 227°, but the steam has a temperature of 212° only:

Solutions.	Temperature of ebullition—Degrees.	Weight of salt in 100 lbs. of water.
Chlorate of potassium	219.56	61.50
Carbonate of soda	220.28	48.50
Phosphate of soda	221.9	113.31
Chloride of potassium	226.94	50.40
Common salt	227.12	41.20
Neutral tartrate of potassium	236.40	260.20
Nitrate of soda	240.80	324.80
Acetate of soda	255.00	200.00
Carbonate of potassium	275.00	205.00
Acetate of potassium	316.20	798.20
Chloride of calcium	355.10	395.00

A circular issued in connection with the proposed Industrial Exposition at Pittsburgh says that railroad supplies form no small item among the industries of Pittsburgh, six establishments being devoted to the manufacture of locomotives, cars, springs, car-wheels, rails, rail fastenings, and the numerous articles required by the railroads, including iron-bridge work. The Pittsburgh capital invested in these pursuits in 1882 was \$1,435,000, employing 1102 hands, yielding a product that year valued at \$3,177,817. This included 144 locomotives, 500 freight cars, 12,282 tons finished springs, railroad axles, steel forgings, &c., 5000 tons of castings in car-wheels, and a large amount of supplies, locomotive tenders, &c. Three firms are devoted to the manufacture of iron, steel and combination bridges, viaducts, roofs and buildings, wrought-iron turn-tables, corrugated iron, &c., with a capital invested of \$570,000, employing 750 hands. The value of the product in 1882 was \$1,462,000, and in tons, 12,950.

Two furnaces, one in the East and one in the West, have recently been doing some work worthy of note. The furnace of the Durham Iron Works, at Riegelsville, Bucks County, Pa., 75 by 20, turned out 101 gross tons of pig iron in 24 hours, using part anthracite and part coke; and Belfont Furnace, at Ironton, Ohio, 66 by 16, made 435 gross tons of No. 1 mill iron in seven days, or an average of over 62 tons daily.

It is announced in the *Oesterreichische Zeitschrift fuer Berg-und Huettewesen* that a blast furnace is to be built between Visoko and Vares, in Bosnia, for smelting the manganese ores found at the latter place. A syndicate of Trieste merchants has also been formed for developing the mineral wealth of the country.

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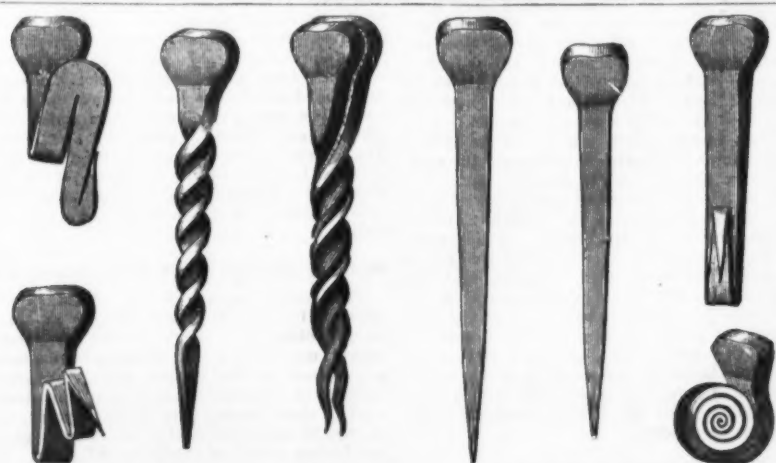
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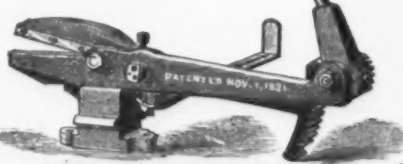
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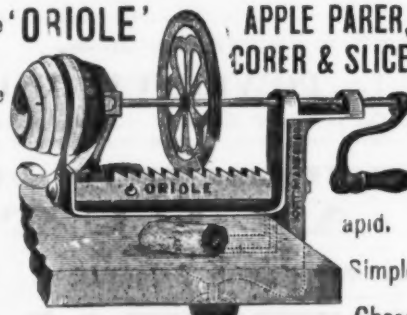
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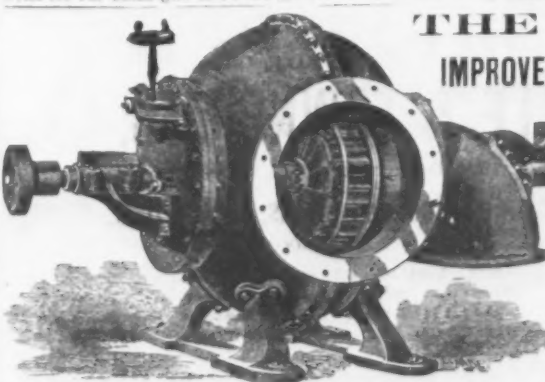
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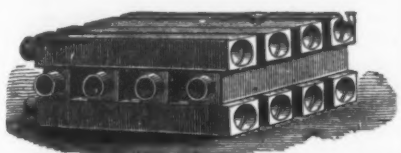
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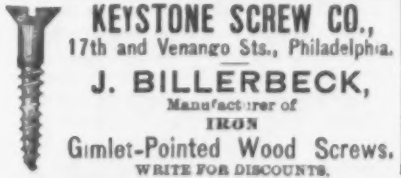
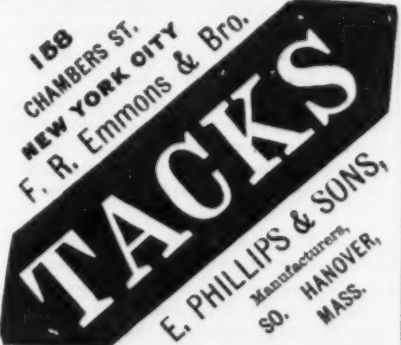
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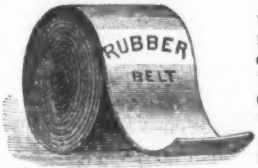
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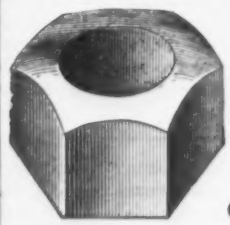
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Alice No. 2 is the largest furnace in the State, and there is only one larger in the South, the Victoria Furnace, in Virginia. The stack of Alice No. 2 is 75 feet high, with a bosh of 18 feet. It has eight tuyeres and eight iron columns 21 feet high; Witherow & Gordon's latest improved patent adjustable tuyere stock; 4 cooling plates in the bosh above the tuyeres, with a water-breast below. The bell is lifted and lowered by a special steam engine with a water-brake attachment. The hoisting engine is Crane Bros.' latest patent; the cast-iron columns used in this elevator, which is 101 feet high, were made in Birmingham by C. P. Williamson. The three stoves, each 10 feet in diameter and 76 feet high, are the new Whitwell hot blast in all its completeness, with gas and air valves and facilities for cleaning. The lining of the stoves is built of Ohio brick. A massive row of 20 boilers for both furnaces, and quite new, is a feature of no mean interest. They are each 46 inches in diameter and 34 feet long, with two 16-inch flues. The draft stack rises 163 feet high, with a diameter of 9 feet, and is the highest object in Birmingham. A blowing cylinder, 84 inches in diameter, with a 54-inch stroke, and a steam cylinder, 36 inches diameter, 54-inch stroke, are of the most important improvements in the new furnace. The two engines, it is claimed, make more blast on less steam than any other in the South. The engines weigh 80 tons each, the weight of the wheels being 16 tons, 16 feet diameter. All the machinery is made easily accessible by platforms and stairways, and was turned out by the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Just in the rear of the furnace plants are 251 coke ovens, all making coke with the exception of a few which will be fired this week. Exceptionally ample storage is provided, 22,000 tons of ore and lime rock being now on hand, with room for 5000 more. The storage-room for coal is one of the largest in this region, and has a capacity of 5500 tons. A large number of shutes make a convenience for emptying the coal into larries, which are run upon a hydraulic hoist, the simplest, cheapest and most durable mode of elevating heavy material in large quantities. The stock-house is in keeping with the other big proportions of the plant. It is provided with two sets of Fairbanks' charging scales.

It is the expectation of the Alice Furnace Co. to make 90 tons of iron daily with the new furnace. The average of the old one is about 50 tons. Either furnace may at times go much beyond these figures, but it is deemed the most satisfactory products are to be obtained without straining, and by regular and easy habits. President Hillman, of the company, says, "A furnace is like a man; in order to digest well, he must not be overfed." The Alice iron, which has peculiar to itself a considerable reputation in the markets, is made of a mixture of brown and red ores. The brown contains 45 per cent. of metallic iron, while the red has 50 per cent. of metallic iron. These ores are obtained from the company's mines, one of the brown ore at Green Pond, on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, 27 miles below Birmingham, the other of red ore at Hillman Station, 3 miles from Birmingham, on the same road. It is estimated that the brown-ore property has convenient for use 6,000,000 tons, and about 35,000,000 tons of red ore are contained in Red Mountain, belonging to the company. Limestone, with 92 per cent. carbonate of lime, is obtained from the Blount Springs quarries. Adjoining the property of the Pratt Coal and Coke Co. are the Alice coal lands, of which there are 4500 acres, the coal being of the same vein as the Pratt mines. These lands are not in use, however, being held in reserve. All the coal consumed at the two furnaces is obtained from the Pratt mines. The pay roll, considering those who work full time, contains an average of 600 men. The capital stock of the company is \$300,000.

The officers of the company who directly participate in the management of the two furnaces are T. T. Hillman, president, and Mr. Frank L. Wadsworth, secretary and treasurer. The principal markets for the Alice iron are Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis, Chicago, Springfield, Cincinnati, Evansville and St. Louis, besides an important patronage west of St. Louis, and, of course, in the Southern and Southwestern markets.

### High Speeds on Railways.

High speeds on railway forms the subject of some very interesting remarks in a recent number of Science. Among other things we find it stated that, as regards cheapness, general excellence of bridges, locomotives and cars, the railways of this country are ahead of the rest of the world. The signal arrangements here, however, with few exceptions, are rudimentary and inefficient, and render fast traveling a matter of considerable difficulty, if not danger. It is impossible to run a really fast express train if the signals are ambiguous, and if every level crossing is made a compulsory stopping-place. The saving in time by fast trains can only be fully felt in a great country, where very long journeys are not only possible, but are frequently undertaken; but hitherto this fact has been little appreciated, and people have been content to travel at a slow speed, and put up with frequent stoppages, because the railways were new, the rails roughly laid and many bridges unsafe at a high speed. But of late years these conditions have been materially changed. The widespread use of steel rails, the greater care bestowed on the road-bed and the introduction of iron bridges of first-class workmanship, have rendered high speed perfectly safe and easy on most parts of good roads in the Eastern and Middle States; but

it is rendered unsafe where switches are so arranged that they may be left open to an approaching train without any signal warning the engineer, or the signals are so formed that the difference to the eye between a clear or all-right signal and a danger or stop signal is slight in snowy weather, or under certain atmospheric conditions which render the difference between colors imperceptible, though a difference in form may be perceived.

The real gain of time to a business man, obtained by a difference of a few miles an hour in the speed of a long-journey train, is best illustrated by an actual case: A man in New York wishes to do a day's work in Chicago. He takes one of the fastest and best-appointed trains he can find—the Chicago limited. It leaves New York at 9 a. m., and lands him at Chicago at 11 the next morning, having accomplished 911 miles in 26 hours 55 minutes, allowing for the difference in time between the two cities. This makes an average speed of 38.8 miles per hour, including all stoppages. But assume, what is surely not extravagant, that as high a speed can be attained on the Pennsylvania or any other first-class American road as on an English main line, and what shape does the problem assume? On one English road, the Great Northern, the distance between Leeds and London (186 1/4 miles) is done in 3 hours 45 minutes, including five stoppages; on another, the Great Western, the 129 1/4 miles between Birmingham and London are run in 2 hours 45 minutes, including two stoppages, and, as neither of these routes is particularly level or straight, and both pass through numerous junctions with a perfect maze of what is possible in speed on the railroads of this country. These figures give, respectively, speeds of 49.8 and 47.2 miles per hour. Taking as a fair average 48 miles an hour, including stoppages, the journey from New York to Chicago should be done in 18 hours 59 minutes, or, say, 19 hours—a saving of 7 hours 55 minutes over the present time, so that if the train were arranged to leave at 55 minutes past 4 in the afternoon, instead of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, the whole of this time would be saved in the busy part of the day, effectually adding a day to our imaginary traveler's business and dollar-making life.

It may be thought that such a deduction is unfair, as the English style of car is so much lighter than the American; but, as a matter of fact, the average English express train is considerably heavier than the Chicago limited and conveys about three times the number of passengers; and, as trucks and oil-lubricated axle-boxes are not yet universal there, the tractive resistance per ton is probably higher. It certainly, therefore, seems not only possible, but feasible, to attain these high speeds in this country, where, owing to the long distances to be traveled, they are more valuable than in England, and the great step toward attaining that end is the adoption of proper and efficient signaling arrangements. All the other steps are achieved; the American passenger locomotive of the present day is perfectly competent to drag a heavy train at a rate of over 60 miles an hour; the cars, as now constructed, can travel safely and smoothly at that speed, and the steel rail and the well-ballasted tie and perfect workmanship of the modern iron bridge can well support the thundering concussion of an express train at full speed. But this speed can only be maintained for a few miles at a time if the engineer who guides this train be doubtful whether the dimly-seen signals imply safety or danger, or if the laws of the State bring him to a full stand where his road is crossed by a small corporation with a high-sounding title, which owns one locomotive with a split tube sheet and two cars down a ditch.

To run a fast train, a clear, uninterrupted road is absolutely necessary, and the reason is not far to seek. To move a body from a state of rest to a velocity of 60 miles per hour, or 80 feet per second, an amount of work must be performed equivalent to lifting it at body 121 feet. Now, it is apparent to the simplest capacity that it requires a pretty powerful engine to overcome the resistance of a train running at 60 miles per hour, without every few miles putting on brakes to destroy this velocity, and then to lift it 121 feet again to attain speed, the resistance of the air, and the friction of bearings on journals and of flanges against rails going on all the time. As a matter of fact, showing what severe work this is on an engine, the Zulu express on the Great Western Railway, of England, which is the fastest train in the world, has been repeatedly carefully timed, and it is found that, though running over an almost absolutely level and straight road, it takes a distance of 26 to 28 miles to attain its full speed, about 58 1/2 miles an hour. In this connection some particulars given in the address of President Westmacott, of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers, at its recent meeting, may prove interesting. Mr. Westmacott, in dwelling upon the gradual increase of speed on railroads, stated that in 1825 George Stephenson was ridiculed for maintaining that trains would be drawn by locomotives at 12 miles an hour, but the Rocket herself attained a speed of 29 miles an hour but a few years later, and long afterward ran 4 miles in 4 1/2 minutes. In the year 1834 the average speed of trains was, on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, 20 miles an hour. In 1838 it was 25 miles an hour. In 1840 there were engines on the Great Western Railway capable of running 50 miles an hour with a train and 80 miles an hour without. In 1841 we find Stephenson ranged on the side of caution, and suggesting that 40 miles an hour should be the highest regular speed of trains. It is a remarkable fact that the highest speed at which locomotives run in ordinary practice scarcely seems to have been raised during the last 25 years, while, on the other hand, the weight of the trains has been perhaps doubled. Although the average running time of express trains has in many cases improved, this has been almost entirely due to their making fewer stoppages. At the same time the speed occasionally attained is very great, and engines on some of the principal English lines are said to have repeatedly run 15 miles in 12 minutes, or at the rate of 75 miles per hour. Express trains run regularly at 53 miles an hour.



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### The Introduction of Steel Rails.

It is difficult to realize that it is barely 20 years since the first steel rail was laid in the track of an American railroad. Steel rails are now so universally used, and they are manufactured in such enormous quantities—far beyond anything accomplished in the reign of iron rails—that it seems strange that there was any difficulty in inducing railroad managers to use steel in place of iron. Yet it appears that there was very great prejudice against the use of steel for rails when the matter was first considered, and even if the supply had been unlimited, it would have taken years to convince railroad managers generally that steel rails could be relied on for the most arduous service. The first steel rails used in the United States were imported from England in 1862, by the firm of Philip S. Justice & Co., of Philadelphia and London, and from Mr. J. Howard Mitchell, of that firm, we have received some authentic and interesting information in connection therewith. Steel rails were then used to a limited extent in England, and so enthusiastic in their praises of these rails were the managers of the lines on which they were used that the firm in question endeavored to have an American railroad make some experiments with steel. But the Philadelphia firm were looked on as fanatics, if not swindlers, when they talked about steel rails to American railroad managers, and it was seldom that they could obtain the earnest attention of the proper officers. The rule was, Mr. Mitchell says, "to bow us out of the office, and end the annoyance of being talked to by a 'dreamer.'"

In 1862, however, after many efforts in this and other directions, Mr. John Edgar Thomson, then president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was induced to give steel rails a trial, and he ordered 100 tons at \$150 per ton in gold—equivalent, at that time, to something over \$300 per ton in currency. But, unfortunately, the trial lot of rails was made of crucible steel, which proved to be very high in carbon, being made so to resist wear. They were put in the tracks of the company in yards and at other points where

the greatest wear took place, and during the following winter, which was a very severe one, many of them broke. Such a result might have been a crushing blow to the use of steel rails if it had happened under the management of a less sagacious man than Mr. Thomson. He saw, however, that if he could get rails that would not break, yet would endure the great traffic of his railroad with as little wear as this lot had shown, it would be extremely desirable, and he therefore gave further orders for 500 and 1000 ton lots, which were then looked on as wonderfully large orders.

In 1864 Messrs. Philip S. Justice & Co., sold to the old Beaver Meadow Railroad Co., now part of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., 100 tons of steel rails for \$162.50 per ton in gold, or about \$250 per ton in currency, and other lots at \$135 per ton, gold. These rails are supposed to be still in the tracks, as a year ago Mr. Lloyd Chamberlain, then treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., but lately deceased, told Mr. Mitchell that they were excellent rails and were still in use. Very slowly did the use of steel rails grow from these humble beginnings. Yet there were those, railroad managers and manufacturers, who foresaw the inevitable overthrow of the iron rail by its steel rival, and who encouraged and engaged in the manufacture of steel rails in America. On May 24, 1865, the first steel rail was rolled in this country, by the North Chicago Rolling Mill, and of Bessemer steel. Since that time steel rails have been used in increasingly large quantities, as all our readers very well know, and orders for from 30,000 to 60,000 tons have been placed at one time by the leading railroad companies.

The circular printed on another page was issued on February 7, 1868, by Mr. Philip S. Justice, and is worthy of reproduction, inasmuch as it plainly shows how railroad managers had to be educated at that late day concerning the relative value of iron and steel rails, although the author perhaps claimed a few years too many for the life of the steel rails he was comparing. The first cost of steel rails (\$150) and of iron rails (\$80), given in the circular, seems almost improbable now, but those prices were then ruling.

### Our Trade with Chili Before and Since the War.

The Statistical Bureau at Santiago has just published its annual "Estadística Comercial," showing that, notwithstanding the late war, Chili's trade with foreign countries again shows a notable increase, amounting to nearly \$9,000,000 in imports and \$8,900,000 in exports. The particulars at hand show that American trade has been fairly represented in this improvement. During the ten fiscal years preceding the war on the Pacific—from 1869-1878, inclusive—we exported to that country domestic merchandise valued at \$20,291,355, or an average annual amount representing \$2,029,136. During the war the exports fell—in 1879 to \$1,253,555, in 1880 to \$967,551, and then again increased to \$1,598,270 in 1881, and to \$1,756,645 in 1882. Our heaviest export to Chili is in cotton goods, hardware and crushed sugar.

According to the official statistics the subjoined figures for imports, exports, &c., represented the fluctuations in Chili's foreign trade during 1880 and 1881:

	Import.	Export.	Tot. trade.
1880.....	\$20,716,004	\$21,648,549	\$42,364,553
1881.....	39,564,814	60,325,839	100,090,653
Increase.....	9,848,810	8,777,310	18,726,120

So far as the trade of Chili with foreign countries during the last 38 years is concerned, the following table appended to the Government report may prove interesting. It embraces the period from 1844 to 1882; the figures given representing millions of dollars:

	Import.	Export.	Total trade.
France.....	\$13	\$66	\$110
England.....	386	536	862
Germany.....	82	26	108
Belgium.....	18	9	27
Spain.....	12	1	13
United States.....	66	68	134
Peru.....	54	120	174
Bolivia.....	13	33	46
Argentine Republic.....	4	14	18
Brazil.....	23	8	31
Other countries.....	35	51	86
Total.....	\$824	\$927	\$1751

It will be seen that in the total trade the United States rank after England, France and Peru, with a total of \$134,000,000, our annual export during the period having averaged \$1,800,000.

In 1881 British exports to Chili amounted to \$17,589,267; those from Germany represented \$7,385,870, while the French exports were valued at \$5,588,919. Ecuador sent merchandise equal to about \$2,995,049, while the Argentine Republic and this country were represented by \$2,032,517 and \$1,748,818 respectively. The articles of import were distributed as follows: Food, \$8,084,758; dry goods, \$11,056,321; clothing, \$2,837,884; hardware, \$3,789,604; house-furnishing goods, \$2,388,759; locomotives, \$811,700; wines and liquors, \$1,119,743, and tobacco (manufactured), \$139,752. Among exports, nitrate of soda, guano, iodine, copper and silver and their ores constituted a total of \$47,145,757, while wheat, flour, barley and beans aggregated \$9,967,780. Owing to the acquisition by Chili of the Province of Tarapaca, the exports of nitrate and iodine will, in the future, show a notable increase, both being rising industries in this district. The year 1869 witnessed the largest exports of copper, the total amount being 54,867 tons. In 1881 this quantity had decreased to 37,500 tons, but since then a gradual improvement has taken place.

Of wheat Chili shipped 459,900 tons in 1873, 273,300 tons in 1878 and 359,000 tons in 1881.

The foreign obligations of the country now amount to some \$34,870,000, and those at home to \$56,546,504, making a total debt of \$91,416,584. The probable income for the present year will be about \$36,462,000, while the expenditures are estimated not to exceed \$34,770,000. Considering the resources of the country, and the fact that they may be readily turned to profitable account, it will be conceded that the existing debt is by no means large. Chili, in fact, issues from the war with an unimpaired credit, having at all times promptly met her obligations and paid off her bonds as they came due, and at the present time everything points to a promising future.

### Trade Tribunals in Pennsylvania.

The formation of tribunals under the new law in Pennsylvania for arbitration and conciliation in labor questions will be watched with much interest, particularly as Pennsylvania districts have been so productive of angry contests between capital and labor. According to this law, the tribunals are to be made up of an equal number of representatives from both sides, with an umpire mutually chosen, and the decision of the latter may be enforced by law, if suitable provision be made. This last-mentioned circumstance has provoked criticisms from different sources, all united in condemning the compulsory feature. However, we can scarcely find a sufficient basis for any reasonable objection to this, and think that foreign labor movements have conclusively demonstrated the beneficial effects of similar systems. In addition, we would remark that the decisions of the umpire can be enforced only in matters other than those pertaining to rates of wages, and the functions of the tribunal in connection with the latter subject are of an advisory nature only. Suggestions may be offered which in very many cases may lead to an amicable settlement of what might otherwise grow to be an embarrassing difficulty. It has been shown beyond a doubt that the system is a commendable one, and, notwithstanding the uncertainty and looseness manifested in its adoption in Great Britain, its achievements in that country deserve consideration.

The French Government institutions known as the "Conseils des Prudhommes," though differing in many features from the proposed Pennsylvania tribunals, have also amply proved their efficiency in numerous cases. This will be more readily understood when we state that, though French workmen and employers appear to grow more stubbornly litigious with every new year, yet it is noted that of the cases brought before the courts of consideration, something like three-fifths are generally settled amicably. This undoubtedly is a remarkably good record, and there seems to be no reason why similar institutions should not yield similar results in this country. At any rate, the experiment is well worth trying, and the first case to be disposed of under the new regulation will probably show how well adapted it is to smooth down the ruffled spirits and bring about a mutually satisfactory agreement between employee and employer.

We have heard that an effort is being made to organize a company, erect a large building and establish a permanent industrial exposition in the city of New York. The success of the Chicago exposition, and the importance of the Louisville and Cincinnati and Boston exhibitions, have been some of the reasons assigned for such an exhibition. While heartily in favor of the organization of manufacturers which shall undertake a series of international exhibitions once in three or five years, we are not in favor of any scheme looking toward a permanent exhibition either in New York or elsewhere. As a show, such a thing might be made of interest, but even this is problematical. No permanent exhibition, we believe, can be made of any good whatever to the manufacturer. The very fact that it is permanent deprives it of the features which are essential to the manufacturer's successful exhibit. The only interest that the manufacturer has in the exhibition is to have those who are likely to purchase see his goods. After they have seen them, every day that the exhibition is prolonged is a disadvantage. A permanent exposition defeats its own object in the eyes of the manufacturer by being permanent. It entails, if it is to be of any value to him, a constant outlay for some one to take charge of his exhibit who can explain the best points to visitors. Permanent exhibitions are of very little value, since it will only be at long intervals that customers will make a visit. To be of advantage there must be concentration of time. Large numbers must come within a short period, but with a permanent exhibition it is impossible to accomplish this. Large numbers will doubtless attend, but they will be scattered over long periods of time; expenses will have to be reduced to a minimum and the articles displayed must be of a character to catch the popular eye. The soap makers, those who have canned goods to sell, flower and seed men, grocers, jewelers and clothiers can all afford to take space and have permanent exhibits. To them every one is a customer. To machinery men and the great manufacturers, however, the buying class is comparatively small, and it must be reached by special means.

### Our Mexican Relations.

The future of our relations with Mexico must soon be determined, so far as relates to their commercial character. American enterprise has infused into the entire country a new vitality. The introduction of large amounts of capital, the building of new railroads and extension of old ones, are exerting an influence that is felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, by stimulating all branches of industry, elevating the standard as well as the price of labor, creating new wants and inspiring a new ambition among all classes. Thus, while the country at large is becoming conscious of having many necessities such as spring from a more advanced stage of social enlightenment, it is at the same time providing the means for their supply. The semi-civilized masses of Indian and mixed blood who largely preponderate in an aggregate of 10,000,000 souls, have already learned that clothing is preferable to nakedness, and that stout boots or shoes are by no means an incubrance. They are also inquiring for implements and domestic utensils, as are the upper classes for a wide variety of manufactured goods; also machinery, general hardware, wire fencing, cooking stoves, fine cutlery, mills for cotton, sugar and woolen factories, and tools of every description used either in mechanical or agricultural pursuits. The process of development, though it may be slow, is none the less real and substantial. England so far realizes the fact that she makes overtures for a renewal of diplomatic relations, and is supposed even to indulge in dreams about resuscitating an enormous indebtedness of \$135,000,000 incurred by Mexico under former administrations. The United States are not likely to be forestalled by movements in any other quarter looking to the establishment of reciprocal trade relations on a basis of greater intimacy. The subject will doubtless be again seriously presented before Congress at the coming session, and can hardly fail to elicit action suited to the exigency of the situation. The general drift of events, as affecting the relations of the two Republics, is this week indicated by a circumstance of special significance. Postmaster-General Gresham, in a communication to the Director-General of Posts in Mexico, refers to the lessened frequency of mail communication between the United States and Mexico via Vera Cruz since the outbreak of yellow fever, and suggests "the desirability of using railway facilities for transmitting mails as early and to as great an extent as may be possible." Merchants in the Mississippi Valley are also seeking closer connections with Mexico. Only recently the first shipment of coffee from Maracaibo, Venezuela, was received in St. Louis via Mexico, together with 100 tons of lignumvite, and the same week a Mexican merchant from Chihuahua ordered machinery to the extent of \$10,000. Reciprocity is only a question of time, and time goes with railroad speed.

The city of Birmingham, England, is agitated by a rather remarkable project, which, though at first sight utterly unfeasible, seems to have some promise of success. The proposition is to put down 11,000 horse-power engines, compress air and deliver to manufacturers air under pressure for the driving engines. The net power realized is expected to be about 5000. From 36 to 52 per cent. of the horse-power of the compressing engine is expected to be realized in the motors, and even with this enormous waste, it is expected that a saving can be made. Investigation has brought the managers to the conclusion that 10-horse-power engines in that city generally take about 16 pounds of slack per indicated horse-power, and many use from 28 to 30. Basing their estimates on this consumption of fuel and its cost, they find that they can deliver compressed air to work steam engines for less than the steam costs the producer, and still have a percentage of profit. If their own horse-power cost nothing save the interest on the plant, we imagine this scheme might be profitable. In fact, at the present time it could be employed anywhere where large water-power is available. The costs and the losses by poor machinery are so great that we think it safe to say that the investment, if successful, will pay the smallest possible margin of profit. The probabilities are certainly greatly against it.

The predominance of steam in ocean transportation, and the insignificant share of the ocean carrying trade which falls to American vessels, appears from the statistics of grain tonnage at this port during the last six months. The total grain shipments, both by sail and steam companies, with the corresponding months last year are as follows:

	1882.	1883.
Sail.....	1,566,841	2,607,383
Steam.....	14,441,673	21,922,390

It here appears that the grain trade this year far exceeds that of the corresponding period last year, and that the amount carried by steam is far in excess of the shipments by sail. The single fact that most challenges attention is that, with the exception of 42,000 bushels taken out by American sailing vessels last February, not a single bushel was carried under the American flag. English steamers surpassed all others, taking nearly two-thirds, both this year and last. Belgium comes next. Steam is carrying a larger production year by year, leaving the United States mercantile marine further and further in the background.

### The Rolling of Molten Metal.

One of the mechanical papers of this city, evidently more at home in matters pertaining to the lathe, planer and other appliances of the machine shop than in the department of metallurgy, remarks: "Iron notes a proposed rolling mill for rolling iron and steel, to be delivered to the rolls in a molten state, by which it is claimed it will be freed from gases. The rolls are to be hollow, and a current of water passed through them to chill the surface of the metal. We should like to be told how molten iron can be rolled."

Judging from this, and from the fact that the item which provoked our mechanical contemporary's criticism was extensively reproduced in different papers and considered as something entirely new, it would seem to have been lost sight of that a similar attempt was made some time ago by Sir Henry Bessemer. In the arrangement as brought out at that time, sheet metal was to be made directly from the converter by pouring the molten metal between two revolving rolls. So long as the supply of steel was properly maintained and the rolls worked freely without meeting any obstruction, a continuous sheet of metal of good quality was obtained, and the product, when worked up, was said to give very satisfactory results. However, it is by no means difficult to point out elements of weakness in the method, and to these it is probably due that the rolling of liquid metal never seemed to meet with much favor. Prominent among them is the item of a continuous supply, as it is clearly apparent that anything producing a check in the flow of metal would lead to a more or less complete dismantling of the whole train. The destructive action of the highly-heated metal upon the rolls, tending to produce rough surfaces, is another point of considerable importance, especially in turning out sheet metal, where irregularities, however slight, are necessarily fatal to good results. Another disadvantage is found in the difficulty of keeping the liquid metal free from such impurities as slag, &c., from the ladle, which, when worked into the sheet, would necessitate the cutting away of large portions, thus entailing considerable waste. Even in view of all these difficulties, however, the operation of rolling molten iron or steel is not impossible of execution, and it is to be hoped that our contemporary's remarks, which, we think, can scarcely be misinterpreted, will not be too firmly impressed upon its readers.

Accounts received from Brazil respecting the commercial and financial condition of that country are anything but flattering. Notwithstanding the deserved high esteem with which the Emperor Dom Pedro has been regarded, it is said that of late years there is a growing dissatisfaction among his subjects on account of the extravagant scale of national taxation and the increasing burden of public indebtedness. Moreover, the industries of the country are said to be actually declining. The aggregate deficits in the Government budget in the last fifty years, so it is declared, amount to about \$350,000,000, and the interest charges on the funded debt absorb nearly two-fifths of the total revenue. Yet all fiscal obligations are so promptly met that Brazilian credit stands high in London. Envied by difficulties so formidable, it is not surprising that the foreign trade of Brazil is controlled to such an extent by Europeans, or that American steamship lines to Rio and intermediate ports have only a precarious existence.

Now that it has been decided to have a six penny telegram rate in England, an enormous increase of business in that department is anticipated. The probability of this is strengthened by the fact that a number of prominent London firms have announced their intention of sending out thousands of telegrams by way of advertisement, as soon as the new rate comes into operation. As it is, with telegrams costing double the proposed rate, the telegraph is extensively used for advertising purposes, and the coming reduction in price is most assuredly a strong inducement to extend the practice.

It is said that the successful use by the British troops, during the Egyptian war, of some hastily-armed railway trucks, drawn by an iron-clad engine, has induced the Spanish Government to order the immediate construction of a specially-designed train, which in time of war would be available, not only as a means of rapid transport for men engaged in cutting and repairing of railway lines, but also as a depot for engineering stores and as a movable fortress. The train will consist of 26 trucks, upon which will be placed bullet-proof carpenter's shops and forges, magazines for food, implements, ammunition and explosives, some iron boats and pontoons, and a powerful crane.

Some persons, stimulated by the recent fires in this city, have commenced to argue that buildings have already reached a greater height than is safe, and would have laws passed to prevent a building from being erected of more than five or six stories, or more than 70 feet from the ground level. This is exceedingly foolish. Lofty buildings are a necessity, at least in cities where land is as valuable as it is in New York. The philosophical way of considering the problem is to find out how lofty buildings can be made safe in case of fire. We might even go fur-



ther, and require that every building exceeding a certain height be made fire-proof, but, unfortunately, a fire-proof building may contain combustible materials. In such a case it might happen that a whole floor would be involved in a conflagration. Then, of course, a fire-escape would be just as necessary as though the whole building were in a blaze. We see no reason why the architect should overlook the fire-escape. It really should form an integral part of the building, and might, with proper attention from the architect, form a very marked and even ornamental feature of the design. As fire-escapes are usually erected, they have very much the same effect upon the eye as cobwebs upon a room. They seem out of place. They are suggestive of undesirable contingencies, and last, but perhaps not least, they are altogether too weak and too flimsy for the work which they have to do.

#### An Old Pacific Steamship.

While strolling along the city front, says a writer in "The Resources of British Columbia," and gazing upon the many objects of interest that cluster in and about the beautiful harbor of Victoria, our attention was directed to a stanch old craft whose quaint style of architecture and weather-worn prow proclaimed "a life on the ocean wave" at once long and eventful. Desiring to learn more of the venerable steamer, her very name a synonym of industry, we determined to search for facts, and to the courtesy of one of our most prominent citizens and business men we are indebted for the leading features of this article.

Nearly half a century ago, when the great problem of steam marine navigation was yet only in the experimental stages of solution, a vast concourse of people gathered on the banks of the Thames to witness the launch of a brave little steamship that was destined soon to traverse the waters of two oceans, one of which was known to many only as being somewhere in the region of the sunset, on the far west shores of the Western world. She was built for the Hudson Bay Co. in 1835, and was destined to ply between their several fur-trading stations on the Pacific coast. The two engines of 75 horse power and the boilers were constructed by the firm of Bolton & Watt, the latter being a son of the renowned inventor, and the excellent condition of her engines to-day bears convincing testimony to the great mechanical skill of the builders. As it was not considered safe to use steam on the passage out, she was rigged as a brig, and furnished with six 9-pound guns. Thus equipped, accompanied by a bark in case of accident, and commanded by Captain Home, she sailed down the Thames, greeted by encouraging cheers from the thousands who watched her progress from either shore, and which were heartily acknowledged by booming salvos from the brazen throats of her own guns. Crossing the Atlantic and being the first steamer that ever doubled Cape Horn, she sailed up the broad Pacific, and leaving her companion far behind, arrived at the Columbia 22 days ahead. Calling at Astoria, then the chief town on the Pacific coast, she got up steam and sailed for Nesqually, the principal station of the Hudson Bay Co. on the Pacific, and for years was employed in collecting furs and carrying goods to and from the company's various trading posts on this coast. She next passed into the hands of the imperial hydrographers, and a few years since was purchased by the British Columbia Towing and Transportation Co., of Victoria, and, having been refitted for that service, is to this day regarded as a most seaworthy and powerful tug steamer. In conjunction with another tugboat, this historic vessel had the ill-fated Thrasher in tow at the time of the accident which gave rise to the very protracted litigation known in legal circles as "the Thrasher case," the merits of which have been submitted for final adjudication to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The most recent report of the Swiss Department of the Interior states that there are in Switzerland 86,42 factories and workshops under legal supervision, 1,472 of which are worked by machine power. Of these, water furnishes the movement to the amount of \$1,316 horse-power, steam to the amount of 14,064, and gas to the amount of 117. The number of operatives employed is 134,862, of which 70,394 are males and 64,468 females. There are 10,462 children between 14 and 16 years of age, 15,590 between 16 and 18, and 109,810 over the latter age. The textiles, such as cotton, silk, woolen and linen, occupy 1619 factories, with 85,705 workpeople; 68 establishments carry on tanning, leather dressing, hair weaving, &c., with 3753 hands; there are 6636 hands employed in 143 food-preparing shops; 2749 in 102 chemical works; 4950 in 150 printing shops. There are also 111 wood-working establishments, occupying 2913 hands; 353 for clock and jewelry making, with 24,988 workpeople; and 96 for glass-making, &c., with 3170.

We understand that the largest upright engine ever seen in St. Louis is now being erected by the Anchor Milling Co. The engine is of the Harris-Corliss vertical make, stands 33 feet high, measuring from the base, and weighs 112 tons. Its cylinder is 42 inches in diameter and its stroke 5 feet. The following are the weights of its leading parts: Piston rod, steel, 3 inches in diameter and 8 feet long, 1505 pounds; crank pin, steel, 12 inches in diameter, 1155 pounds; crank, wrought iron, 4730 pounds; cross-head, steel, 975 pounds; pitman, wrought iron, 3940 pounds; front head, 5800 pounds; shaft for pulley, wrought iron, 20 1/2 inches in diameter, 36,000 pounds. The engine stands upon a foundation 13 feet deep and containing 31 earloads of large sized stone. It will be fed by a battery of six steel boilers, and at a moderate speed will develop 1000 horse-power. The supply pipe is 16 inches and the exhaust pipe 24 inches in diameter. The pulley used in connection with this engine has a diameter of 24 feet 6 inches, a raised face 42 inches wide, and weighs 77,000 pounds.

#### Frederick Trenk Stanley.

We have already had occasion to refer, though but briefly, to the late F. T. Stanley, a distinguished citizen of New Britain, Conn., and identified with many important industries, who died in that city on Thursday, the 2d inst. We are now able to present an engraved copy of a photograph taken when Mr. Stanley was near his 80th year, but which is regarded by friends as remarkably truthful in all its lineaments.

Frederick Trenk Stanley was born August 12, 1802, and was the son of Gad and Chloe Stanley and grandson of Col. Gad Stanley, of the Revolutionary army. His birth-place was in the north part of Stanley Quarter, New Britain, in the house now occupied by William J. Stewart. His early life was spent on the farm of his father and in the district school. He developed a quick and active mind and adaptability for a successful business life. He was during one season clerk on the steamboat Oliver Ellsworth, running between Hartford and New York. When a boy he went to New Haven as a clerk, remaining there from 1818 to 1823, and going from there to Fayetteville, N. C. Returning from the latter place he engaged in mercantile business, associated with the late Curtis Whipples. In 1831 he bought out the business of W. B. Stanley, Henry W. Clark and Lora Waters, who occupied the present Giddings building on Main street at the railroad

mind was fertile, his apprehension quick his decisions prompt and his manner energetic. His accumulations would have been much greater except for his generosity in the giving of his means and time for the benefit of others, and especially the advancement of the public interests. The city water works, built in 1857, were the result of his perception of the immediate and prospective wants of the city. The borough of New Britain at that time had a population of less than 5000, and the project of making a reservoir at Shuttle Meadow to supply it with water met with much opposition, and it was carried through chiefly by the enthusiastic energy of Mr. Stanley. He was one of the active workers in the enterprise of locating there the State Normal School. He labored, in season and out of season, to get railroad facilities. There was no public enterprise in that place, from 1830 until feeble health laid him aside, in which Mr. Stanley was not among the foremost of its promoters.

In politics he was a Whig until the breaking up of that party and the formation of the Republican party, with which he has since acted. He was an ardent admirer of Daniel Webster, and grieved much that he failed of a nomination for President at Baltimore. He never failed to hear Webster speak on great occasions if it was possible for him to be present. He heard him at Bunker Hill, at Dartmouth, at New York and in the Senate. Many of the celebrated

and intelligence. The late action of the city with reference to a better supply of water was of great interest to him, and met his approval because of his knowledge of the contemplated source of supply.

Mr. Stanley was intelligent, of varied information, of unflinching integrity, conscientious, loyal to his country, and unwearied in his efforts to advance the prosperity of his native town, in which he took a remarkable pride. New Britain, by reason of his life, is richer by far in all its substantial interests, business, social, educational and religious. His was a long and well-spent life, and although ended, his memory will be cherished with gratitude by all who knew him.

#### LATEST LEGAL DECISIONS.

##### FALSE PRETENSES—SUFFICIENT FACTS.

J. a merchant, was indicted for obtaining goods by false pretenses from F. P. & Co., wholesale dealers, and the false representation was this: He stated that he wanted to buy goods on credit, in the fair and usual honest course of trade, with the intent to pay honestly for them, and F. P. & Co., it was declared in the indictment, on the faith of this pretense, delivered the goods to J. A conviction was had, and it was objected on the appeal of case—State vs. Jordan—in the Supreme Court of Louisiana, that these

an easement which is appurtenant to the mine. The plaintiff is entitled to compensation under the deed for the appropriation of the surface, but he cannot eject the company from the land which it is occupying for the necessary purposes of mining."

##### TELEGRAPH COMPANY—CLAIM FOR DAMAGES—TIME TO BRING ACTION.

An action was brought to recover damages against a telegraph company for negligence in transmitting the dispatch, so that it was not promptly delivered. The mistake was in the transmission of the name, "Heiren" being sent "Hermen." On the telegraphic blank used by the sender it was stated, as the contract between the parties, "that no claim for damages shall be valid unless presented in writing within 20 days from sending the message." No claim for damages was made until 24 days after the sending of the message. The trial court decided in favor of the company, and the plaintiff carried the case—Heiren vs. Western Union Telegraph Company—to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, where the judgment was affirmed. Judge Orton, in the opinion, said: "This condition as to making a demand for damages in a stipulated time is valid. Such a condition has been held obligatory in insurance, freight and other contracts, and in legislation where damages have resulted from accident or negligence, and in such cases the principle is now undisputed. But it is clearly not unreasonable that a telegraph company should require notice of claims for its defaults within a reasonable time before being held to answer for the alleged default. From the nature of its business this may be essential to its protection against unfounded claims. Another reason is found in the multitude of messages transmitted, requiring a speedy knowledge of claims, to enable the company to keep an account of its transactions before, by reason of their great number, they cease to be within recollection or control. It may be added that this was a night message, and at one-half rates, because of its not requiring repetition, and, on account of its liability to mistake, error or delay, and of the common uncertainty and greater labor of night work, the company should not be held unless there is the clearest liability."

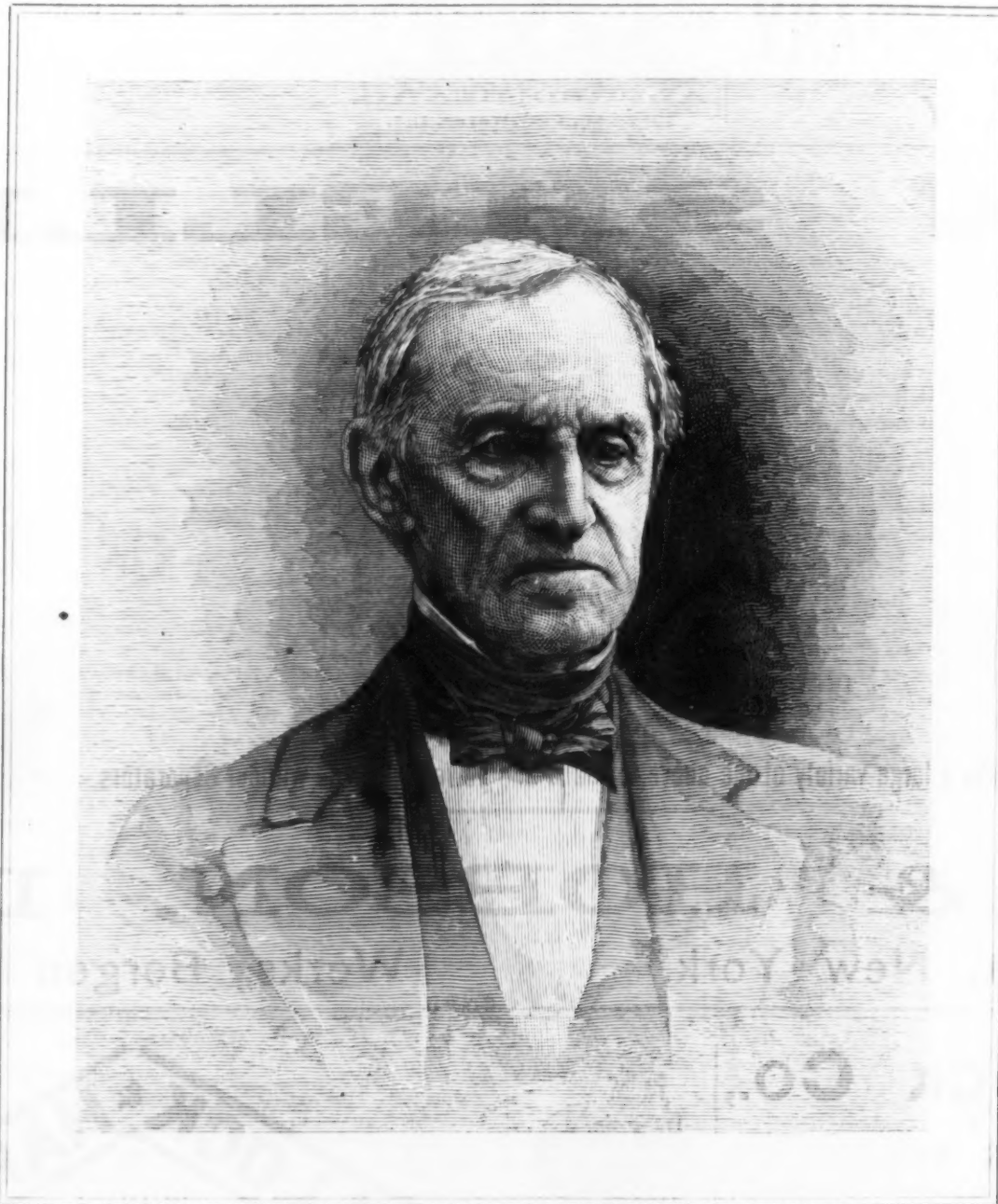
##### NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS—TRANSFER AFTER MATURITY—DEFENSES.

G made his promissory note to S, who indorsed it and then sold it to a bank; it was not paid, and the bank transferred it for a valuable consideration to M. As between G and S there was an agreement that each should pay half of the note, but neither the bank nor M had any notice of it. In an action for the note against G alone, he set up the defense that he was liable for one-half of its amount only, but the trial court gave judgment against him for the full amount. In this case—Bank of Sonoma vs. Gove—the Supreme Court of California, on the appeal of the defendant, affirmed the judgment. Judge McKinstry, in the opinion, said: "If a party who transfers a note or other negotiable instrument after it has matured, and who had purchased it before maturity without any knowledge of any defense to it, his transferee acquires as good a title as he himself had, although it was overdue and dishonored at the time of the transfer. Here the note was discounted by the bank before it became due, without notice of the agreement between the original parties, and its transfer carried with it a valid title to the instrument."

##### PROMISSORY NOTE—MATERIAL ALTERATION—PLACE OF PAYMENT.

A note was made payable 12 months after date, or before if certain goods were sold. No place of payment was stated in the note, but it was agreed, verbally, that it should be collected at the residence of the maker. The payee, however, inserted in it that it was payable at "First National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa." It was then sold before maturity, and without any notice of the agreement as to the place of payment to C. The maker refused to pay the note, and in the action brought upon it—Charlton vs. Reed—set up the defense that the insertion of the place of payment was a material alteration and invalidated the instrument. The plaintiff, in reply to this defense, claimed that as the time of payment was indefinite, the note was not negotiable, and that it was not a material alteration of a non-negotiable note to insert a place of payment. The defendant had a judgment, and the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court of Iowa, where the judgment was affirmed. The Chief Justice (Day), in the opinion, said: "It is insisted that the note was not negotiable because it is not certain as to the time of payment. This position is not sustained by the weight of authority. It has been decided in Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts and Kansas that a note payable at a certain time, or earlier in the event of a sale or other contingency, is negotiable. The cases relied upon by the defendant all show that the notes there in question were not payable at all except in the event of some contingency. The alteration in the note here was a material alteration; and a material alteration may be shown to invalidate a note, even as against the indorsee thereof, for value before maturity."

The Philadelphia Record says: "The brigantine Julia Blake, which was recently detained for nearly two weeks at the Quarantine Station on account of having a case of yellow fever on board, has discharged at Dickinson street wharf a number of curious old bells which have been cracked in the service of the Catholic Church on the island of Cuba. Every year about this season these old and useless bells, many of them cast hundreds of years ago in Italy and Spain, are collected in Cuba by a gentleman doing business with Philadelphia, and shipped here to be disposed of at the market rates for old bronze. Many of the bells are fine specimens of the best workmanship of Europe's oldest and most celebrated foundries. There for years their music has rung out upon the tropical air from the steeples of the churches of Havana and the smaller chapels scattered here and there throughout the country, until at last they have broken down in the service and have been turned into junk."



FREDERICK TRENK STANLEY.

crossing. They had made machinery, but Mr. Stanley changed to the manufacture of locks, the first ever made in this country. This firm bought and put in operation the first stationary steam engine used in the town, and Westell Russell, of Hartford, now County Commissioner, was the engineer.

In 1835, Mr. Stanley, his brother William, Emanuel Russell, Smith Mattison and T. and N. Woodruff, bought 30 acres of land on the west side of Main street, and in 1836 built a dam and brick factory and went more extensively into the manufacture of locks. The water privilege, and, for the most part, the land, is now owned and used by the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. In 1841 Mr. Stanley sold out his interest in the business, which ultimately came into the hands of the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co., and after an absence of two years in Mississippi with his brother, returned and began the manufacture of hinges. They also manufactured door and shutter bolts, latches and trunk handles. When they began the manufacture of bolts in 1844 all door bolts were imported; for many years none have been. In 1853 the business was taken up by the Stanley Works, a joint-stock corporation, of which Mr. Stanley was president from the date of its organization until his death.

Mr. Stanley's influence, though exerted mainly in furtherance of those objects with which he became early associated, was by no means local. Business organizations which sprang up under his guiding auspices have a world-wide fame. Beginning with little capital and a few workmen, he developed a business which, in one branch alone, now employs 500 operatives, has a plant worth \$500,000, and does a yearly business of nearly \$1,000,000.

Mr. Stanley was a methodical but progressive man in all business matters. His

passages in Webster's speeches he could recite almost verbatim, and he was familiar with his whole public life. He often recalled, and with great pleasure, a ride, when he was a clerk, in the stage coach from Berlin to New Haven, with Webster. He had opportunity several times during his mature life to meet and converse with Mr. Webster. Mr. Stanley almost always declined public office, but he consented once, in 1834, to represent the town, which was then Berlin, and he was elected the first Mayor of New Britain 1871. Mr. Stanley's recollection of the early history of all the business enterprises of New Britain was remarkable, and it was a rare pleasure to hear him converse on such subjects. He could with perfect ease recite the exact date of almost any public event of half a century prior to 1870.

He married, July 4, 1838, Miss Melvinia A. Chamberlain. They had three children born to them, two of whom died in childhood, the survivor being Mr. A. H. Stanley, of New Britain. Mrs. Stanley died with scarlet fever August 16, 1843. Mr. Stanley's only sister, Catherine, the wife of Henry Stanley, died about a year ago. Mr. William B. Stanley is the only survivor of the brothers and sisters of Frederick T. Stanley. Since 1877 Mr. Stanley has been almost entirely deprived of sight, which to him was a great affliction, as he was extremely fond of reading and writing. He bore his sorrow, however, with great fortitude. He has been gradually declining in health for several years, and for the last year has seldom been out of doors. But during all the years of his ill-health he has been cheerful; he frequently entertained and instructed his friends with reminiscences. He has, until within a short time, kept well informed on current events, and discussed them with real interest

facts were not sufficient to justify a conviction. But the court affirmed the judgment, and through Judge Fenner said: "We think the facts are sufficient to show a bargain of sale, so that the delivery of the goods is connected with it. There is quite enough here to support an indictment for obtaining goods by false pretenses and a conviction thereon."

##### MINING—DEED—SURFACE SUPPORT.

Purchasers of the surface of land from the same grants who had sold and conveyed the minerals thereunder brought an action to eject the mine owner from the occupation of any portion of the surface for sinking shafts, making any excavations or constructing any machinery, because, by the deed for the minerals, no reservation for surface rights was made. In this case—Ericson vs. Michigan Land and Iron Co.—the plaintiff succeeded in the trial court, but the judgment was reversed by the Supreme Court of Michigan. Judge Campbell, in the opinion, said: "It seems to be the general—and, we think, the better—doctrine that a mere reservation of minerals, or such a reservation with the right of mining, must always respect surface rights of support, and will not, standing alone, permit the surface to be destroyed without some additional statutory or contract authority, and that such statute or contract authority will be carefully construed to prevent the destruction of surface rights. But it seems to be also agreed that the easements to do such acts as are reasonably necessary to get out the mineral and remove it from the mine may be granted or reserved so as to attach to the mining estate. We think that ejection will not lie for those parts of the land necessarily occupied by shafts or other mining excavations, or erections made and used solely for mining purposes, and that their use is in the nature of



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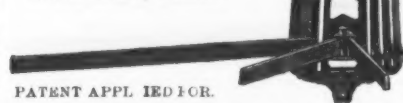
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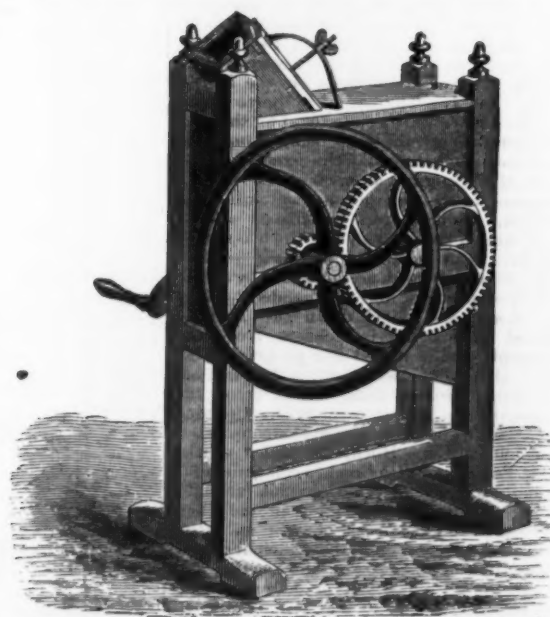
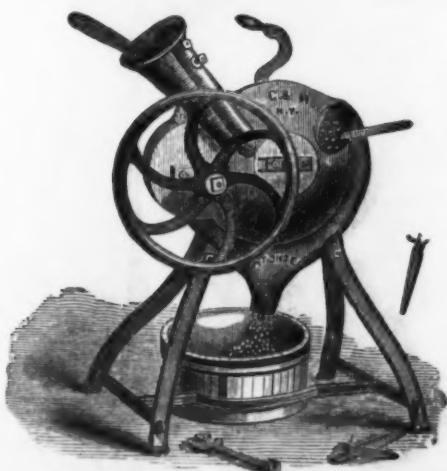
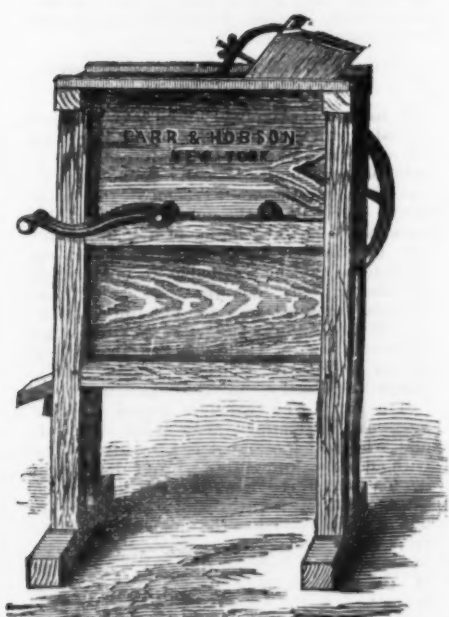
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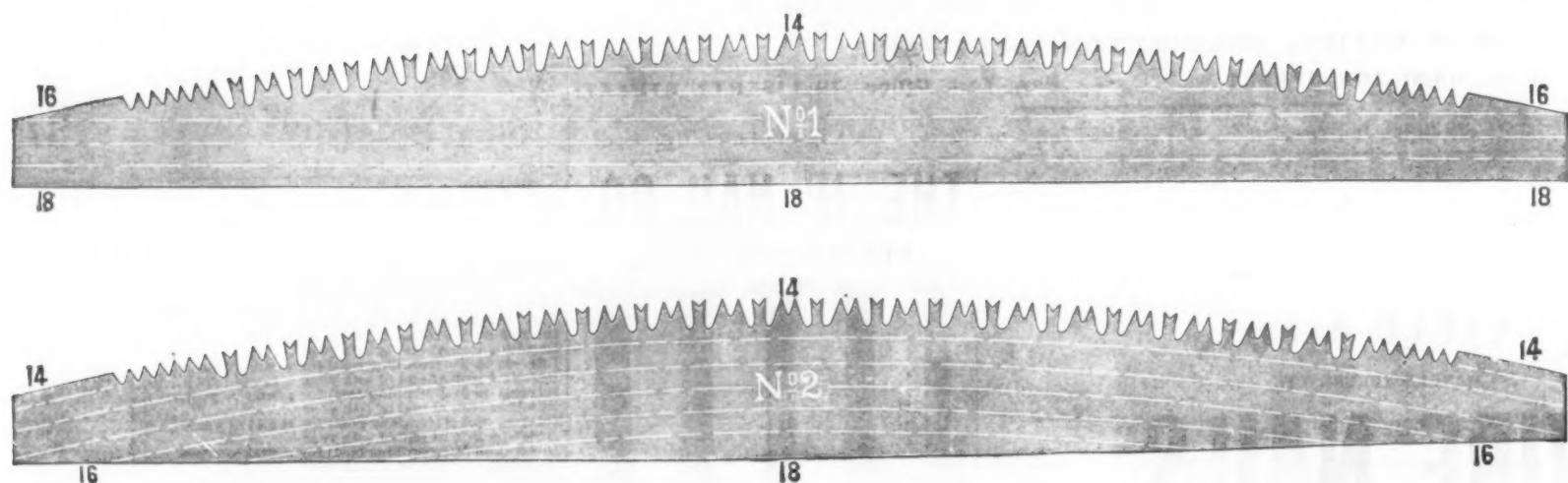




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## The Evaporative Power of Bituminous Coals.\*

BY WM. KENT, M. E.

(Concluded from page 7, July 5.)

I have prepared a table (Table I) which gives a selection of figures from various experiments on bituminous coals, including those of General Meigs, arranged as nearly as possible in geographical order. The table

comparable with those of American coals, but one point is worthy of notice. The Ronchamp coal, although containing a very high percentage of ash, gives the highest evaporation, and it contains much less volatile matter, while the Louisa coal, containing less ash than the Ronchamp, but the highest percentage of volatile matter, gives the lowest evaporation. This corresponds with the results both of General Meigs and of Professor Johnson, in showing that the higher the percentage of volatile matter the lower is

in the Welsh coals, in Delabecche and Playfair's results, we notice that, although the percentage of ash is higher than in the Newcastle coals, the evaporation is much higher; and here also we trace the effect of lower oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen in increasing evaporative power (in their experiments). The tests by the Babcock & Wilcox boilers, both in London and San Francisco, give results very much higher than Delabecche & Playfair's, the probable cause of which will be noticed hereafter. In the Scotch coals, we are fortunate in having both Johnson's and Delabecche and Playfair's analyses, and the results of tests by five different authorities. Delabecche and Playfair's analyses show it to be very nearly the same as the Lancashire coals, and their evaporative tests of the two coals show nearly the same results. They show also that, although

the "Little Giant" boiler (results divided by 0.813), 42.2 per cent., and the Babcock & Wilcox boiler, 78.6 per cent., provided, of course, that the particular coals used in each of these tests had the same theoretical heating power.

But little can be said of the Nova Scotia coals, as we have only Johnson's two tests for comparison. The Picton and Sidney coals seem an exception to the rule already noticed, that the higher evaporative power corresponds, under usual conditions, with lower percentage of volatile matter as well as lower percentage of ash.

Coming to the Pennsylvania coals, we notice a group tested by Johnson, Nos. 30 to 35 inclusive, which are classed as semi-bituminous, having from 13.82 to 20.52 per cent. of volatile matter. They are especially noticeable from the fact that, notwithstanding

With No. 36 in the Pennsylvania coals we strike a very different quality of coals from the above. The Pittsburgh or Monongahela River coals are the type of this class. They generally have small percentages of ash and high percentages of volatile matter—30 to 40 per cent.—approaching in composition the English, Scotch and Welsh coals, although not often found as pure as the latter. With these coals we reach the real difficulties of burning bituminous coals, and in consequence the results obtained under varying conditions and with various boilers differ widely. We notice that Pittsburgh coal No. 40 gave an evaporation of only 6.74 pounds in the "Little Giant" boiler, and 8.87 in the boiler of General Meigs. Johnson found 8.20 for a Pittsburgh coal, while the Babcock & Wilcox tests gave from 8.12 for fine slack to 10.47 for lump (No. 46).

Still more discordant results than these have been obtained from the same identical lot of Pittsburgh coal, when burned under different boilers, in different furnaces. At the Cincinnati Exposition of 1879, Mr. John W. Hill made five tests, in as many different furnaces, of Pittsburgh coal No. 2, all of the furnaces having been designed for "smoke consumers." The evaporation per pound of coal from temperature of feed varied from 5.839 to 6.688 pounds; but according to Mr. Hill's corrections for "heat in the steam," it varied from 4.828 to 12.450 pounds.

The Virginia coals tested by Johnson contain, on an average, less volatile matter than the Pittsburgh coals, and follow the general rule of showing a correspondingly higher evaporation.

The bituminous coals west of Pittsburgh were not tested by Johnson, and the tests of General Meigs do not show the analyses, so that we have scarcely enough data for comparison. We notice, however, the very low figures, 4.82 pounds and under, for the coals of Tennessee, Ohio and Nebraska, all of which contain less than 7 per cent. of refuse. The high results obtained by the Babcock & Wilcox boiler from Illinois "run of mine" coal (name of mine not known) and Indiana block coal—9.49 and 9.47 respectively—are noticeable, but, as we have not the analyses, no accurate conclusion can be drawn from them.

We come now to a very peculiar coal, from Staunton, Ill., tested under a Babcock & Wilcox boiler, at Springfield, Ohio, which gives the figure 5.09—remarkably low, as compared with all the other Babcock & Wilcox tests. As shown in Table III, the test was made with the same boiler that was used in testing the Jackson (Ohio) nut coal, which gave an evaporation of 8.93. Not only were the economic results obtained from this Staunton coal very low, but the capacity of the boiler was largely reduced while using it, so that while 460 horse-power had been developed with 48 square feet of grate surface with the Ohio coal, only 246 horse-power was obtained with 60 square feet of grate surface with the Staunton coal. To explain this anomalous result, we must turn to the analysis. It shows only 26.30 per cent. of fixed carbon and 57.11 per cent. of volatile matter, and is thus totally unlike all the other coals whose analyses are given in connection with boiler tests, the nearest approach to it being the Liverpool coal in Johnson's test, which had more than twice as much fixed carbon, and only 39.96 per cent. volatile matter. There is one coal in the list of analyses, Table II, of which, however, there is no boiler test reported, which is the only coal analysis I have found showing a higher percentage of volatile matter than the Staunton coal, and that is the Boghead coal, of Louth, Ireland, which, according to Dr. Penny, contains 67.95 per cent. of volatile matter, and only 9.54 per cent. of fixed carbon.

I regret not to be able to give a complete ultimate analysis of the Staunton coal, from which to determine its theoretical heating value; but if it shows a relatively high percentage of hydrogen, and a small percentage of oxygen, nitrogen and moisture, as does the Boghead coal, then its theoretical power must be high, and the only reason it did not give good results in the boiler test must be that it was not properly burned. A broad distinction must be drawn here between the boiler used to absorb the heat developed from

TABLE II.—ANALYSIS OF BITUMINOUS COALS.

Name of coal.	Carbon.	Hydrogen.	Nitrogen and oxygen.	Moisture.	Ash.	Fixed carbon.	Volatile matter.	Authority.
<i>Continent of Europe.</i>								
1. Ronchamp.	76.21	4.66	1.51	5.61	12.8	58.1	21.10	Kestner and Dollfus.
2. Friedrichshall.	77.81	4.10	0.5	4.8	12.7	47.11	33.70	do.
3. Duttweiler.	71.57	4.1	0.5	0.15	1.75	71.35	28.19	do.
4. Louisa.	4.6	3.91	0.5	12.2	3.87	12.38	38.42	do.
5. Altenwald.	69.3	4.26	0.5	9.9	2.54	13.5	31.66	do.
6. Hantz.	70.3	4.3	0.5	11.51	1.70	11.57	31.98	do.
7. Sulzbach.	74.1	4.43	10.75	.....	10.46	.....	.....	do.
8. Von der Heydt.	73.03	4.46	12.05	.....	1.40	.....	.....	do.
9. Blancy, Montceau.	70.50	4.60	14.53	.....	10.28	.....	.....	do.
10. Arthacite.	58.5	3.71	6.13	.....	2.05	.....	.....	do.
11. Creusot.	81.74	3.95	4.04	.....	3.04	.....	.....	do.
<i>England, Scotland and Wales.</i>								
12. Newcastle, Average of 18.	82.10	5.31	1.35	5.60	3.77	.....	.....	Delabecche and Playfair.
13. Derbyshire and Yorkshire.	79.68	4.61	1.41	16.28	2.6	.....	.....	do.
14. Lancashire, Average of 9.	77.99	5.17	1.31	9.53	4.38	71.11	14.25	do.
15. Liverpool.	77.99	5.17	1.31	9.53	4.38	71.11	14.25	do.
16. Newcastle.	81.78	4.79	0.98	4.15	2.01	5.4	32.83	do.
17. Welsh, Average of 17.	78.33	5.61	1.00	9.99	4.03	.....	.....	do.
18. Scotch, Average of 8.	80.06	5.41	11.19	.....	1.28	.....	.....	do.
19. Glasgow, Average of split and cherry.	63.94	8.88	0.96	4.70	0.74	21.4	67.95	Dr. Richardson, Dr. Penny.
20. Boghead, Louth, Ireland.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.68	12.05	58.86	Johnson.
21. Picton, Average of 2.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.13	5.49	67.57	do.
22. Sidney.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.
<i>Pennsylvania.</i>								
23. Dauphin, Susquehanna.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.1	11.70	71.24	do.
24. Locomotive Creek.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.7	13.60	71.13	do.
25. Quin's Run.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.34	10.77	71.11	do.
26. Cambria Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.84	8.41	72.79	do.
27. Cambria Co.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.28	7.00	77.77	do.
28. Pittsburgh.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.46	9.11	68.17	do.
29. Pittsburgh.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.4	7.01	54.93	do.
30. Castle Shannon, near Pittsburgh.	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.73	8.77	72.92	do.
31. Pittsburgh—Cincinnati smoke-prevention tests.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.53	3.92	61.68	Hunt and Clapp.
32. Maryland.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.31	3.64	61.03	B. Kniffier.
33. Average of 10 free-burning bit.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.81	4.07	75.45	do.
34. Cumberland, free-burning.	80.55	4.50	1.08	9.70	1.75	8.25	.....	Johnson, Isherwood.
35. Average of 10 coking coals, near Richmond.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.64	10.58	58.30	do.
36. Staunton, fine nut.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.27	10.39	26.40	Hunt and Clapp.
37. Pacific Coast.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	do.
38. Average of 4 b own coals.	50.05	3.85	0.91	13.65	16.82	13.18	.....	Isherwood.
39. Brown coal, Bellingham Bay.	49.6	3.30	0.83	8.97	12.12	21.48	.....	do.
40. Brown coal, Nainaimo.	49.68	4.08	10.78	10.26	12.74	.....	.....	do.

the Scotch coal has a little less ash than the Welsh, its evaporative power is very much less, and this we connect with its higher percentage of oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen. The English and the Scotch coals appear very nearly alike in both General Meigs's and the "Little Giant" boiler tests; but in both, and especially in the latter, both coals give very much poorer results than in any other boiler. For some unexplained reason, the Scotch coal figures the lowest in the whole list of Johnson's—more than 20 per cent. lower in evaporative power than Newcastle coal.

Since we have Delabecche and Playfair's analysis of Scotch and Welsh coals to compare with their evaporative tests, we may ascertain whether the difference in analysis is sufficient to account for the difference in evaporative results. From the formula, Heating power = 14,500 [C + 428 (4-2)], we obtain the theoretical heating power of the Welsh coal, 14,816 heat units, equivalent to an evaporation of 15.35 pounds of water from and at 212°, and for the Scotch coal, 14,136 heat units, equivalent to an

ing their rather high percentages of ash, they show the highest evaporative powers on Johnson's whole list. The two coals of Somerset County, Nos. 37 and 38, tested by General Meigs, are coals of similar character, and they give the highest result of any bituminous coals tested by him in the tests with the Meigs boiler—higher results even than any of the six anthracites. The high steaming quality of these coals is confirmed by the Babcock & Wilcox test of Cambria coal No. 44, containing only 13.24 per cent. of volatile matter. Notwithstanding the very high percentage (25.1) of ash, the test showed an evaporation of 9.59 pounds of water per pound of coal, and 12.80 per pound of combustible, which latter figure exceeds the figures obtained in the tests of Scotch and Welsh coal.

For a fair comparison with these coals we may turn to the Maryland coals, where Isherwood's, Johnson's and the "Little Giant" tests all give high figures, and which are remarkably close ones—9.69, 9.99 and 9.95. The Cumberland coal ranks second highest

TABLE III.—EVAPORATIVE POWER OF BITUMINOUS COALS.—TESTS WITH BABCOCK &amp; WILCOX BURNERS.

No.	Date of test.	Place of test.	Name of coal.	Duration of test.	Average temperature of feed, degrees.	Average steam pressure, lbs.	Grate surface, sq. ft.	Heating surface, sq. ft.	Pounds of coal burned.	Percentage of refuse.	Coal burned per sq. foot of grate surface.	Water evaporated, pounds.	Water evaporated per sq. ft. of heating surface per hour.	Water per pound coal from and at 212°.	Water per pound combustible from and at 212°.	Rated horse-power.	Horse-power developed.
1	Oct. 30, 1883.	London, England.	Welsh	11.30	130	67.40	1.57	3.50	7.5	6.1	74.20	2.77	13.13	19.4	146	36	146
2	Nov. 14, 1883.	Greenock, Scotland.	Scotch	11.30	130	36.25	1.40	1.44	7.0	13.7	14.40	2.75	13.12	12.5	146	36	146
3	Dec. 15, 1883.	Peacedale, B. I.	Anthracite screenings, 2790 pounds.	10.15	38	77.67	1.16	14.30	8.5	17.6	133.00	4.39	11.12	12.42	229	448	229
4	July 19, 1883.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Pittsburgh, fine slack	4.00	74	52.33	1.679	7.16	12.1	21.9	51.45	4.47	8.18	10.35	147	170	147
5	Sept. 7, 1883.	Pittsburgh, 3d pool, lump	Pittsburgh, 3d pool, lump	10.00	132	61.44	2.76	12.00	4.8	27.5	112.67	4.79	10.47	11.05	249	419	249
6	March 13, 1883.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Castle Shannon, near Pittsburgh, nut.	6.48	37	95.69	4.784	13.00	13.1	27.9	95.28	1.63	8.65	10.21	246	265	246
7	Mar. 15-17, 1881.	"	"	25.15	37	95.69	4.784	13.54	10.5	27.9	95.28	1.44	10.13	11.13	246	265	246
8	Mar. 15-17, 1881.	"	"	25.15	37	95.69	4.784	13.54	10.5	27.9	95.28	1.44	10.13	11.13	246	265	246
9	Oct. 1, 1883.	Chicago, Ill.	Illinois "run of mine"	6.00	190	35	1.19	10.75	11	.....	9.90	1.41	9.43	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Jan. 8-10, 1883	Springfield, Mo.	Indiana block, "very good"	1.00	117	10.48	1.35	12.18	9.6	19	17.94	2.35	10.47	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Dec. 1, 1883.	"	Stanton, Ill., fine nut.	8.00	155	97.69	3.15	12.14	17.7	25.5	55.64	4.27	3.79	6.19	246	265	246
12	May 2, 1883.	Johnstown, Pa.	Johnstown fine slack	7.45	90	80.51	1.12	6.174	25.1	15.6	50.94	3.44	6.93	12.59	272	246	246
13	Feb. 10, 1883.	San Francisco, Cal.	Renton screenings	5.00	56	106.12	1.504	3.11	13.5	11	24.00	2.03	6.98	7.58	147	170	147
14	" 14, 1883.	"	Wellington screenings	6.00	57	99.21	1.504	4.16	23.1	34.8	24.92	1.12	7.21	8.11	147	170	147
15	" 15, 1883.	"	East Wellington screenings	6.00	57	110.21	1.504	3.74	18.3	37.7	24.57	2.21	7.29	8.00	147	170	147
16	" 16, 1883.	"	Black Diamond screenings	6.00	57	110.21	1.504	3.74	18.3	37.7	24.57	2.21	7.29	8.00	147	170	147
17	" 17, 1883.	"	Seattle screenings	5.58	57	107.21	1.504	4.40	19.3	36.4	24.28	1.14	6.99	7.50	147	170	147
18	" 18, 1883.	"	Wellington lump	6.00	59	110.21	1.504	3.77	13.8	38.2	25.12	1.12	7.30	8.04	147	170	147
19	" 19, 1883.	"	Seattle screenings, wet	6.42	60	114.21	1.504	3.45	16.7	30.7	24.20	1.11	7.46	8.35	147	170	147
20	" 20, 1883.	"	Carroll lump	7.24	60	117.21	1.504	4.03	14.1	25.6	32.37	1.59	7.67	11.40	147	170	147
21	" 21, 1883.	"	South Plains lump	6.35	62	117.21	1.504	4.03	13.9	25.9	30.33	1.53	8.20	10.41	147	170	147
22	Mar. 1, 1883.	"	Seattle lump	6.5	63	118.21	1.504	4.120	9.5	34.1	28.33	1.57	7.68	8.49	147	170	147

evaporation of 14.65 pounds. As the actual results obtained were respectively 9.05 and 7.70 pounds, they show that Delabecche and Playfair obtained in actual test 59 per cent. of the theoretical heating power of the Welsh coal, and only 52.5 per cent. of the heating power of the Scotch coal, an economic result in favor of the Welsh coal of 12.4 per cent.

(59-52.5) Johnson obtained 47.4 per cent. of the theoretical heating power of the Scotch coal; the Meigs boiler, 51.9 per cent. of

of the 50 bituminous coals tested in the "Little Giant" boiler, and also the highest in Johnson's tests. It would appear that these volatile coals, containing from 13 to 20 per cent. of volatile matter, notwithstanding occasionally high percentages of ash, prove good steaming coals under a variety of conditions and in a variety of boilers. They seem especially adapted to marine, vertical, tubular and other internally-fired boilers, which have heating surfaces all around the fire, and no special appliances for promoting perfect combustion.

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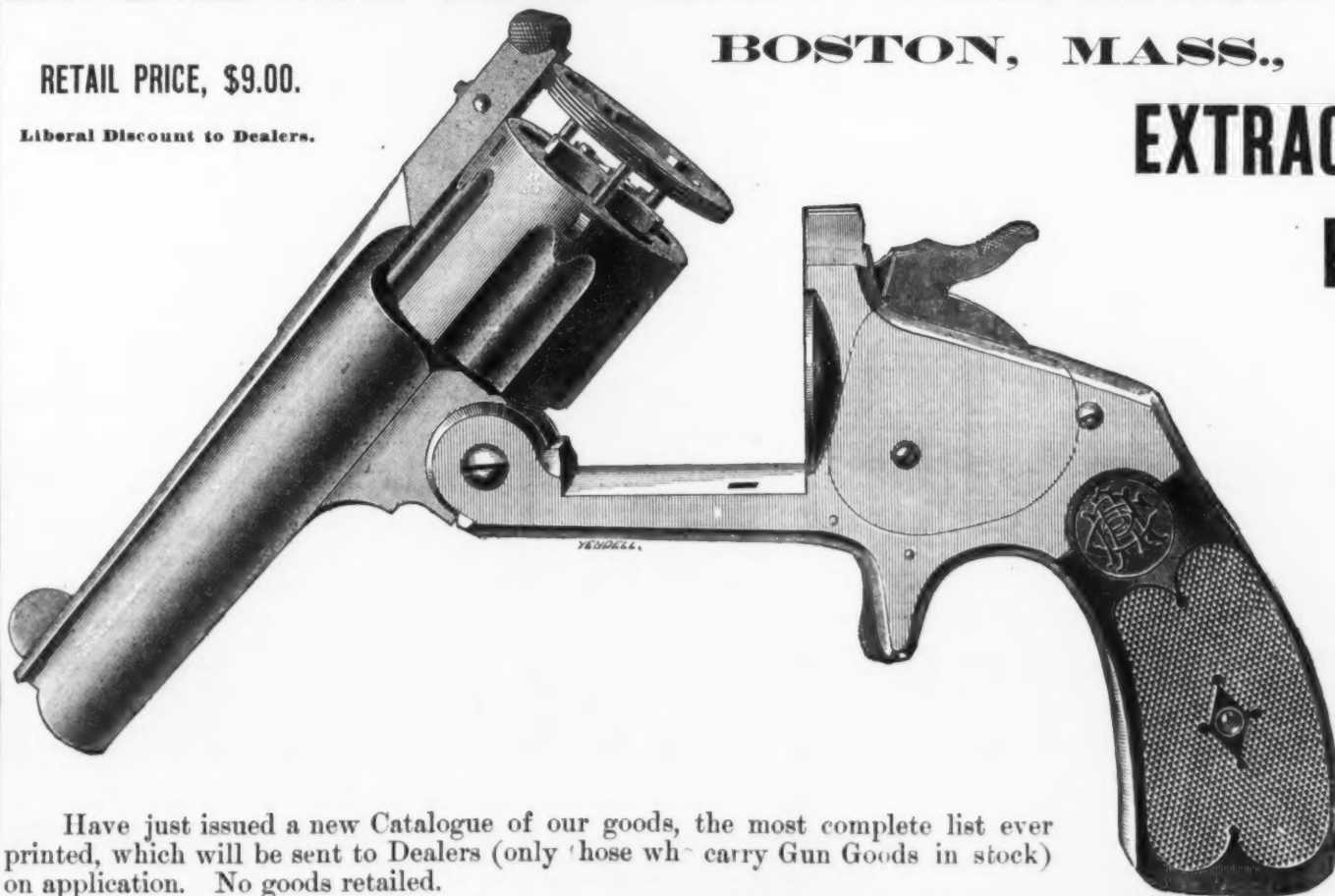
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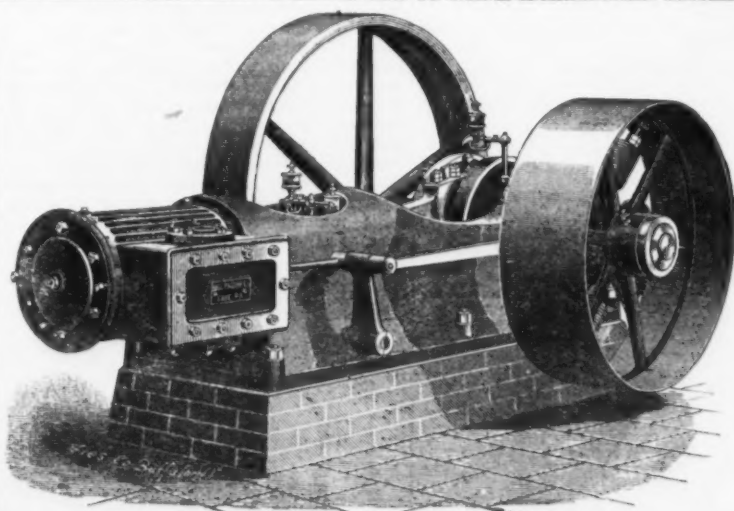
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the boiler would have absorbed the heat. The conclusion is that the furnace under the boiler, or possibly the method of firing, which was well adapted to Jackson (Ohio) coal, was not well adapted to Staunton (Ill.) coal, and further experiments with various kinds of furnaces should be made to determine what furnace is best adapted to it.

This paper has already grown to sufficient length, without entering upon the subject of the character of furnace best adapted to burn the different qualities of bituminous coals. In fact, there are not enough data existing for a proper treatment of this very important subject. I may briefly state that my present opinion is that almost any kind of a furnace will be found well adapted to burning anthracite coals and semi-bituminous coals containing less than 20 per cent. of volatile matter; that probably the best furnace for burning those coals which contain between 20 and 40 per cent. volatile matter, including the Scotch, English, Welsh, Nova Scotia and the Pittsburgh and Monongahela River coals, is a plain grate-bar furnace, with a fire-brick arch thrown over it, for the purpose of keeping the combustion chamber thoroughly hot; that the best furnace for coal containing over 40 per cent. volatile matter will be a furnace surrounded by fire-brick, with a large combustion chamber and some appliance for introducing very hot air to the gases distilled from the coal, or preferably a separate gas producer and combustion chamber, with facilities for heating both air and gas before they unite in the combustion chamber. The character of furnace to be especially avoided in burning all bituminous coals containing over 20 per cent. of volatile matter is the ordinary furnace in which the boiler is set directly above the grate bars, or in which the heating surfaces of the boiler are directly exposed to radiation from the coal on the grate. The question of admitting air above the grate, which was favorably settled by Chas. Wm. Williams, 40 years ago, is again unsettled. The London Engineer recently said: "All our experience, extending over many years, goes to show that when the production of smoke is prevented by special devices for admitting air, either there is an increase in the consumption of fuel or a diminution in the production of steam." \* \* \* The best smoke preventer yet devised is a good fireman."

The English and French experiments on the evaporative power of bituminous coals are of little value for this country, since the coals described in these experiments were of limited variation in composition. Johnson's experiments are of little value, since they included no bituminous coals west of Pittsburgh. General Meigs's experiments are worthless, since neither of his boilers was adapted to the thorough combustion of highly bituminous coal. The Babcock & Wilcox boiler tests are valuable in showing that, with proper furnace settings, very much higher results can be obtained from the highly bituminous coals than would have been believed from the experiments of Johnson and Meigs. Their great demerit is that they are not yet sufficiently extensive. Table IV gives the details of the Babcock & Wilcox tests, as far as I have been able to obtain them; this complete list has not hitherto been published. All of these tests were made with the furnace supplied with a fire-brick arch, for preventing the radiation of heat from the grates directly to the boiler, and for keeping the combustion chamber hot. They were made with boilers of the same kind, and practically the same proportions, but in different parts of the world, by different experimenters, and at different rates of evaporation, caused chiefly by the different steam requirements of the establishments in which they were situated.

At the bottom of Table I, I have placed the best recorded results obtained from anthracite coal by Johnson's, Meigs's, the "Little Giant" and Babcock & Wilcox boilers, as a standard for comparison with the bituminous coals. The following table shows the relative value of the several bituminous coals therein named, as tested by each of the boilers, the best results being selected out of those given in Table I, and the figures for anthracite being taken at 100 per cent:

RELATIVE STEAMING VALUES OF BITUMINOUS COALS.				
ANTHRACITE = 100.				
Coals.	Johnson's boiler.	Gen. Meigs' boiler.	Little Giant boiler.	Babcock & Wilcox boiler.
Newcastle, Eng.	84.5	81.1	59.0	.....
Welsh .....	.....	.....	.....	109.6
Scotch .....	67.8	81.2	66.7	109.5
Gambria Co., Pa., semi-bit.	90.1	.....	.....	91.2
Somerset .....	90.1	105.1	97.2	.....
Pa., semi-bit.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland, Md., semi-bit.	97.5	.....	96.8	.....
Pittsburgh, Pa., semi-bit.	80.0	96.8	76.2	99.5
Ohio .....	.....	.....	64.8	84.9
Vancouver's Island .....	.....	81.0	68.5	85.7

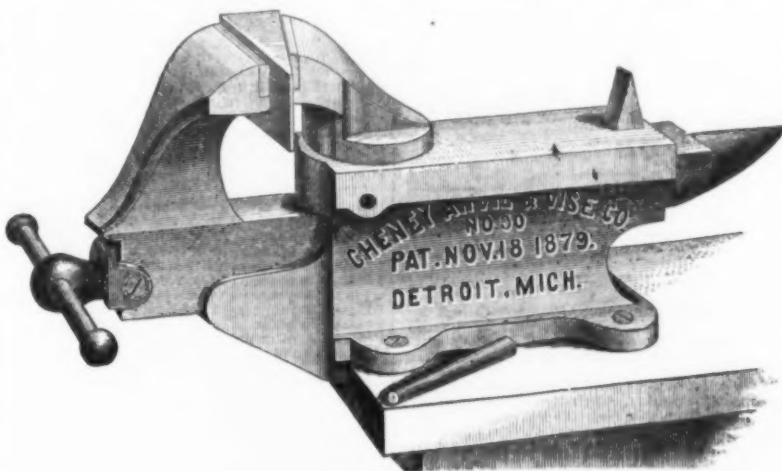
From the above table it will be seen that by all of the tests of the semi-bituminous coals their value, as compared with anthracite, varies only from 60.1 to 105.1 per cent., confirming what has already been said, that these coals give excellent results under a great variety of conditions. The value of the Scotch coals appears to vary between 60.7 and 109.5 per cent. of the value of anthracite, the same identical coal giving 60.7 per cent. in the "Little Giant" boiler, and 81.2 per cent., or more than one-third better, in General Meigs's boiler. The value of Pittsburgh coal is from 76.2 to 99.5 per cent. of the value of anthracite, the experiments of General Meigs with one coal giving the figures 76.2 and 96.8 per cent. The relative value of bituminous coal is therefore a variable quantity, dependent upon the conditions under which it is burned.

I hope the facts here imperfectly outlined may draw attention to the possibilities of obtaining better results from the highly bituminous coals of our Western States than are generally obtained in practice, or than those shown in the experiments here recorded. The whole subject of the proper methods of burning bituminous coals of various compositions needs to be reopened. It must be studied from the bottom, beginning with both proximate and ultimate analyses of the coals, and including scientific determinations of total heating power, as well as practical tests under steam boilers. The subject is of immense importance to the

industries of the West and South. It would be well if the Government would undertake the series of accurate experiments necessary to lead to a solution of the problems involved, but if such experiments are to be conducted as imperfectly, and the results obtained so misleading as that reported by General Meigs, they had better be left to private enterprise.

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##### CONNECTICUT.

The stock of the Frary Cutlery Co., Bridgeport, has been increased from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

The Howe Sewing Machine Co. talk of rebuilding, and will probably do so if Bridgeport people will subscribe, though no definite steps have been taken yet. The company want abated taxes amounting to about \$42,000. A mortgage of \$150,000 rests upon the property, besides a second mortgage of \$750,000, for which bonds are floated.

The annual meeting of the Wilson Sewing Machine Co., Wallingford, resulted in the election of the old board of directors and the same officers, with the exception of the vice-presidency, to which office S. B. Kirby, well known to the sewing-machine trade, was elected. The matter of increasing the capital stock \$200,000 was postponed for future action.

##### NEW YORK.

Work has been resumed in the merchant rolling mills at the Burden Iron Works, at Troy. All the Burden works will be in full operation next week.

##### PENNSYLVANIA.

The Howard Stove Co., of Beaver Falls, is a new concern. Mr. J. Eeki, formerly with

A. J. Wolf, of Beaver, and later with J. Woodruff & Sons, of Salem, Ohio, is connected with the new company.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. will begin at once to manufacture rails 60 feet in length instead of 30 feet as heretofore. The rails will also be increased in weight from 68 to 70 pounds per yard. The decreased number of points to care for will lessen expenses. In referring to the reasons for this step, it was stated that the weight of a passenger car has been increased from 25,000 to 45,000 pounds, and that the parlor cars now used weigh 75,000. The weight of the freight and coal cars has been so far increased as to more than double their former carrying capacity, while the weights of locomotives have been increased in proportion. The company have arranged for the manufacture of a quantity of these 60-foot rails at once, and the best railroad experts in the country predict the most satisfactory results from them. An experiment was made in the rolling mill of the company for the purpose of testing the capacity of the mill to make long rails, which was entirely satisfactory.

Accounts are at hand of large outputs at two Pennsylvania furnaces. One of them, the Durham Furnace, at Riegelsville, yielded

101 tons of iron in one day in the latter part of July, while No. 1 Furnace of the Crane Iron Works, at Catsaqua, is recorded as having made a still larger yield. No. 1 is an 18-foot-bosh furnace, and made 102 tons in 24 hours, and for one week her record was 535 tons of foundry iron, the average for several weeks being 500 tons. Durham Furnace, on the other hand, has a 20-foot bosh.

The pipe mill of the Reading Iron Works has shut down for repairs.

The Pennsylvania Electric Light Co., of Harrisburg, are now lighting the city and public grounds. They use the Fuller system of lighting, and the power is furnished by a Westinghouse engine of 100 horse-power. At a recent speed test made by the Fuller Co. the number of revolutions were found to be absolutely invariable. The test was made with a continuous recording speed indicator, and the resulting diagram was a straight line.

##### OHIO.

About one carload of wire fencing per day is present work of the Ohio Steel Barb Wire Fence Co., Cleveland, though when they are running double turn they put out 2½ carloads per day. Fifty men are employed.

The Sipco Valley Glass Works, Massillon, will start next Monday.

The assignment is announced of the Union Foundry Co., Silas Merchant, formerly president; N. F. Parcell, secretary. Assets and liabilities not stated.

The Woodruff Stove Co., of Salem, turn out an average of 45 stoves per day.

Newburgh Furnace, in Cleveland, which was purchased from the Newburgh Furnace Co. by the Union Rolling Mill Co., started up last week.

The old machine shop in Canal Fulton has been purchased by the Canton Tool Co., and put in repair, and is now getting under good headway. This shop has been idle for 10 or 12 years.

Tenders have, it is understood, been made by Cleveland, Brown & Co., of Cleveland, to rent the Russia mill at Niles of the assignees.

An additional battery of four boilers is being placed in the rolling mill of the Trumbull Iron Co., at Girard. Another engine has also been purchased.

Eight hundred sets of wagon irons constitute the daily output of the Cleveland Hardware Co. They are rolled directly from muck bar. About 140 men are employed.

##### ILLINOIS.

The Illinois Iron and Bolt Co., Carpentersville, Kane County, have recently erected an additional storehouse, 100 x 36, and are placing a considerable amount of new machinery in their works. They are just introducing to the trade a new patent steel skein for wagons, which has many points of excellence.

Messrs. H. B. Scutt & Co. will immediately commence the erection of a new factory (to be completed Oct. 1), 150 x 40 feet, for the manufacture of barbed fence wire. They will employ machinery of their own invention, and entirely different from any now being used.

Messrs. Shields & Brown, Chicago, manufacturers of Bradley's insulated air coverings, have just shipped an order for 3000 feet of the same to Boston, to be used in the public-school buildings there, and have also shipped a large order to Shreveport, La., and an order to the Omaha Limestone Oil Mills, Nebraska. They are just completing a large contract at the Elgin Watch Co.'s works, Elgin, Ill.

Messrs. C. H. Mitchell & Co., Chicago, manufacturers of elevators, report that they

are unusually busy, considering the season, having orders on their books covering territory from New Hampshire to Texas and California.

R. T. Whelpley, 131 and 133 Lake street, Chicago, as the Western agent of the Hamilton Rubber Co., has been awarded two bronze and one silver medal for best rubber belting, rubber hose and air-brake hose for railroad use, exhibited at the National Exposition of Railway Appliances.

The forging department of the Chicago Forge and Bolt Co.'s works, at South Chicago, is being enlarged by the erection of an additional building. This department is exceedingly busy, running day and night. To facilitate the shipment of their products, the company are now putting in new side tracks running on both sides of the works, connecting with the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago and the Belt Line railroads. The company are also building 300 coal and stock bins, and have their hands full in every department.

The proprietors of the Union Drop Forge Works anticipate an early extension of their plant.

For the purpose of reorganizing the Union Iron and Steel Co., Mr. H. H. Porter, of this city, as before stated, proposes that a new company be formed to buy out the whole property of the present company, the capital stock of the new company to consist of a 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock of \$3,000,000, and a common stock of \$1,600,000—total, \$4,600,000—the preferred stock to be used in paying the indebtedness of this company, which amounts to \$2,821,266.96, at par. If the second mortgage bondholders (and holders of the greater part thereof have already expressed their willingness to do so) will take preferred stock at par for their bonds, and the holders of the bills and accounts payable will take preferred stock at par for their notes and claims, the representatives of the "Stone indebtedness" (which is included in the figures given above) will buy the first mortgage bonds at par, and will take preferred stock for them. This new corporation will represent and own the Union Iron and Steel Co.'s plant, at Chicago; the Union Iron Mine, on the Menominee Range, subject to its royalty contract of 50 cents per ton; about 5700 acres of land on the Menominee iron range (Michigan); interest in patent of Bessemer Steel Co., Limited; cash and working supplies to run the steel works, of a value of \$675,000 to \$750,000; any surplus of preferred stock not required in paying the indebtedness; some doubtful accounts, on which it is claimed that \$100,000 at least should be collected. The fair cash value of all the personal property of the company, if used in running the works, is estimated at from \$850,000 to \$1,000,000, in addition to the plant itself. This plan seems a feasible and practicable one, and is probably the most profitable way out of the present difficulty. If accepted, the mill will be put in shape to be started at the earliest possible date.—*Chicago Industrial World*.

##### MISSOURI.

The Beck & Corbett Iron Co. have increased their capital stock from \$130,000 to \$160,000. The Wrought-Iron Range Co. have shut down their new works on Washington avenue for a few days. The St. Louis Saw Works are running full handed and turning out large numbers of saws, the demand for which is reported very good. The St. Louis Stamping Co. are now running all departments of their works. The Diamond Anti-friction Metal Co. are running nights on orders for brasswork.—*St. Louis Age of Steel*.

The Chouteau, Harrison & Valle Iron Co. have as yet come to no understanding regarding the starting up of their Lacledé mills.

##### MICHIGAN.

The Lake Superior mines report a product of 2648 tons of copper for June.

##### WEST VIRGINIA.

It is stated that the Benwood Iron Works contemplate the construction of a second blast furnace.

#### The Exportation of American Stoves.

During the past year we have heard very little about the exportation of American stoves to foreign markets, beyond occasional notices that one house or another had made a shipment to some distant part. It has been generally understood, however, that there was more or less exporting going on in a quiet way, and for the information of our readers we have taken the trouble to look into the matter. From the New York Custom House records we have collected and tabulated statistics relating to the export trade in stoves during the past three and one-half years. These figures show a steadily increasing business, embracing all countries, from the most civilized to those just emerging from semi-barbarism. The value of the stoves exported during the first six months of the present year exceeds by more than \$5000 the total amount for the year 1880, and is more than one-half the amount for 1882. As the first half of the year represents only between one-third and one-quarter of the annual export, the total for the present year will be far in excess of the total for last year. To illustrate this, Germany received \$6620 worth of stoves in 1880, \$12,520 worth in 1881, \$7486 worth in 1882, and \$3282 worth for the first six months of the present year. The comparative smallness of the last amount is only apparent, as the bulk of the trade is done during the last five months of the year, as the following figures will show: For the first six months of 1880 the amount shipped to Germany was \$2586; for the same period in 1881 the amount was \$2850, and for 1882 it was \$1986, so that the \$3282, representing the trade for the first six months of 1883, is indicative of a healthy increase in the yearly aggregate. The Argentine Republic, Brazil, British Possessions in Africa and Australasia, Chili, England and Mexico show this characteristic in a marked degree, while the other countries change but little from quarter to quarter. All of them are subject to fluctuations, as when England

received \$13,240 worth in April, 1882, and none during June and July.

In all of the countries which show a yearly trade of over \$3000 the business may be said to be established, but in those dealing in smaller amounts it is, to a great extent, still experimental. For instance, Liberia received \$300 in stoves in 1880, \$56 in 1881, \$115 in 1882, and none so far this year. The French West Indies were sent \$566 worth in 1880, \$147 worth in 1881, \$579 in 1882; Gibraltar, \$176 worth in 1881; Turkey in Asia, \$127 worth in 1882; Russia on the Black Sea, \$200 in 1882, but none of these has received any since. The market became overstocked or else the trade was not profitable. The following countries received no stoves from this port during 1880: British Guiana, Denmark, Dutch East and West Indies, Hawaiian Islands, Nova Scotia, Peru, Portugal, San Domingo, Spanish Possessions in Africa and Uruguay. Of these Uruguay has shown the most rapid growth, the value in 1881 being \$423; in 1882, \$347, and to June 30, this year, \$3309.

The following table will be of interest, as it shows the value of the monthly and yearly export of stoves from the port of New York from January 1, 1880, to June 30, 1883:

Months.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
January.....	\$2,420	\$3,246	\$6,067	\$8,506
February.....	2,791	4,260	6,531	9,710
March.....	6,503	7,200	6,840	10,047
April.....	6,385	3,071	20,150	11,497
May.....	6,462	8,774	3,668	11,150
June.....	3,654	7,734	1,689	13,723
July.....	4,704	5,658	6,756	.....
August.....	8,213	10,799	10,824	.....
September.....	6,154	9,013	14,426	.....
October.....	3,013	14,043	16,094	.....
November.....	8,074	16,078	6,666	.....
December.....	5,535	12,106	11,235	.....
Total.....	\$64,625	\$70,976	\$117,217	\$64,931

The following table shows the countries to which stoves were exported from New York, and the values, for the six months ending June 30, 1883:

Argentine Republic.....	\$1,993
Belgium.....	273
Brazil.....	3,393
British Guiana.....	108
" Possessions in Australasia.....	9,066
" " Africa.....	3,581
" West Indies.....	3,747
Central American States.....	607
Chili.....	3,785
China.....	6,650
Cuba.....	832
Danish West Indies.....	79
Denmark.....	37
Dutch East Indies.....	175
" West Indies.....	49
England.....	13,307
France.....	130
Germany.....	3,889
Hawaiian Islands.....	3,105
Haiti.....	106
Honduras.....	79
Italy.....	75
Japan.....	402
Mexico.....	3,066
Miquelon.....	5
Netherlands.....	2,665
Newfoundland.....	154
Nova Scotia.....	66
Peru.....	518
Porto Rico.....	95
Portugal.....	1,157
San Domingo.....	112
Scotland.....	200
Spain.....	105
Spanish Possessions in Africa.....	97
United States of Columbia.....	3,624
Uruguay.....	3,909
Venezuela.....	284

We have always supposed that there was a considerable export of stoves from Philadelphia, but investigation shows that this was a mistake. About the time of the Centennial an attempt was made to do an export trade, and a few lots were sent by Chas. Noble & Co. to Norway and Sweden. Cox, Whiteman & Cox also sent 100 wood stoves to Asia Minor, and 30 of another kind to Bermuda. Jas. Spear sent some to Paris in 1878, but in no case has it developed into a regular trade. The exports vary in value from \$800 to \$2000 per annum. Last year they were \$1000 to Belgium, \$50 to Cuba and \$450 to England. We suppose they were sent from stove works outside of Philadelphia, as none of the concerns in the city have done anything in this line since 1879. The point to which they were shipped may not have been their ultimate destination. There is a line of steamers from Philadelphia to Belgium, and freight by them is as likely to be for Sweden, or Russia, or Austria, as for Belgium.

The exports of stoves from the whole United States for the year ending June 30, 1880, amounted to \$91,473. For the year ending June 30, 1881, the value was \$117,356, and for the year ending June 30, 1882, \$184,408. The report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, has not yet been compiled, but judging by the exports for the quarter ending March 31, 1883, which amounted to \$54,517, a large increase in the business may be expected. The first quarter of the present calendar year was greater by \$15,933, than the same quarter of the previous year. During the first three months of 1883, the value of stoves sent from New York was much more than half that of all the stoves sent from the United States during the first three months of the preceding year.

The following table shows the exports of stoves from the United States by customs districts for the year ending June 30, 1882:

Baltimore, Md.....	\$122
Boston and Charlestown, Mass.....	20,554
Buffalo Creek, N. Y.....	845
Cape Vincent, N. Y.....	317
Corpus Christi, Tex.....	2,487
Cuyahoga, Ohio.....	10
Detroit, Mich.....	2,222
Galveston, Tex.....	15
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,758
New Bedford, Mass.....	113
New Orleans, La.....	1,067
New York, N. Y.....	119,691
Pasamquidny, Me.....	1,341
Philadelphia, Pa.....	791
Puget Sound, Wash. Terr.....	480
Richmond, Va.....	30
Salina, Tex.....	270
San Francisco, Cal.....	27,715
St. John's, Fla.....	13
St. Mark's, Fla.....	45
Vermont, Vt.....	114
Total.....	\$184,408

A member of one of the largest stove firms in this city, and one which does a large portion of the exporting, said that they made no special stove for the foreign trade. "Stoves like all these," he said, pointing to his salesroom, where were displayed a full line of cooking and heating stoves, "may now be found for sale in China and other countries. Some countries will order one stove and nothing more will be heard from it for months, when a large order comes



in. The climate decides the kind of stove, the West and as, for instance, having no use for heating stoves, deals only in those for cooking. A climate like our own takes all "Yankee manufactures can best be sold by Yankee salesmen," continued the speaker, in reply to the question how to best introduce such goods, "and the drummer, for that is what he is, must thoroughly understand the business. Is like other trades. If a new sewing machine is put on the market and people are left in ignorance as to its merits and how to run it, it will fail, although it may be a superior article. We have had failures just from this cause—people didn't know how to run the stove, would not take time to study it, but would condemn it forthwith. The trade must be talked up understandingly. When once it has a footing, the American stove holds its own against all comers. I believe I could take a trip around the world and do a big business selling stoves." The probable cause of the great amount of exporting done from San Francisco is that the dealers there buy from Eastern makers and sell to representatives of houses in China, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands.

According to the latest indications, Eastern Germany is likely to receive her entire supplies of oil from the Caucasus. The present price of this oil in Breslau, including the entrance duty, is already 8 per cent. of the value lower than American petroleum, and the quality of the oil offered by the refinery in Noble, Baku, is said to be not inferior to the American.

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## Trade Report.

## BRITISH IRON AND METAL

## MARKETS.

[Special Cable Dispatch to The Iron Age.]

LONDON, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 1883.

Scotch Pig.—The market is not so steady, and prices on some brands are lower. We quote makers' prices as follows:

Coltness, alongside, Glasgow	61/
Langloan, "	60/
Gartsherrie, "	56/
Summerlee, "	56/
Canbray, "	55/
Glenarnock, " Ardrossan	55/
Eglinton, "	48 1/2
Dalmellington, "	49/
Shotts, " at Leith	50/
Lighthouse from Ardrossan to Glasgow is 1/2 ton.	

Cleveland Pig.—The market is unsteady.

We quote as follows, f.o.b. shipping ports:

Middlesboro' No. 1 Foundry	43 1/2
" No. 2 "	41 1/2
" No. 3 "	39 1/2 @ 30/6
" No. 4 Forge "	38/

Bessemer Pig.—The market is without change to note, ruling weak. W. C. Hematites are quoted unchanged at 49/ @ 50/ for mixed lots, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, equal parts, f.o.b. shipping ports.

Blooms.—Nothing doing.

Manufactured Iron.—The market is irregular. We quote at works:

Staff, Ord. Marked Bars	7 10 @ 6 10
" Medium "	6 5 @ 6 15
" Common "	6 0 @ 6 5

Hoops, 20 W. G. and over,

" Common Best	7 0 @ 7 5
" Medium "	5 0 @ 6 15
" Common "	6 10 @ 6 5

Sheets, 20 W. G. and under,

" Ordinary Best	8 15 @ 9 5
" Common "	8 0 @ 8 5

Welsh Bars, 20 W. G. and over,

" Common "	5 5 @ 5 7 1/2
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Steel Rails.—The market is very unsettled, and quotations are difficult to give.

The quotations for Ordinary Sections, as near as can be given under the present state of the market, are £4. 5/ @ £4. 15/. It is reported that 80,000 tons Steel Rails have been sold for Indian account at 80/ a ton.

Iron Rails.—Dull and nominal. Welsh, 30 lb. and upward, are quoted, nominally,

£4. 15/ @ £5. 10/ f.o.b. shipping ports.

Old Rails.—The market continues unsettled. We quote Old D. H.'s, £











out, while the great majority have gone in at the reduction, or at the old rates, pending a complete settlement of the dispute. It is deemed advisable, therefore, either to institute a general lockout, or to subsidize the ironmasters who are still fighting the general battle. The point will be decided at a meeting of the ironmasters convened for Thursday, Aug. 2, unless the men "cave in" meantime. Manufactured iron is irregular and nominal in South Staffordshire, but the cessation of production and some increase in the demand for sheets has a tendency to harden values. Until the final adjustment of the differences with the men, however, it would be a trifle rash to announce that prices are really higher. I give some leading quotations elsewhere in this letter. Steel rails are very dull and prices are nominal. In some quarters I hear of losses on contracts taken at £5 1/2 ton, but I have my own opinion on the subject, and if closely followed up I think it could be shown that there is a fair profit to be secured even at that price. Of iron rails a large cargo was brought to London last week for transshipment on Australian account. Old rails are quiet, but there are a few inquiries for D. H. for Philadelphia, just as there are small shipments of good No. 1 scrap iron for that port and New York. Blooms are quite dead for United States, and only very small lots of crop ends are wanted.

**FREE TRADE, FAIR TRADE AND PROTECTION.**  
On Saturday, July 28, the annual meeting of the Cobden Club was held in London, Mr. Thomas B. Potter, M. P., in the chair. The report, read by the secretary, contained the following passages:

"In foreign countries the principal event is the adoption of a bill for the reform of the tariff by the United States Congress. It was of the nature of a compromise, and cannot be considered final. The duties have been simplified and reduced, except in a few instances. The reduction all round is about 12 per cent. The amount is small. The chief advantage is in simplification. It is evident that the matter cannot rest here, and that the question of tariff reform will be taken up in earnest in the course of the next Congress, if not in the next session. The conclusion of the new treaties with Italy this year, and with Portugal last year, is satisfactory, as defeating attempts to re-establish a system of differential duties in Europe. There are indications that in Spain a feeling is growing up in favor of a commercial treaty with this country. Remission of tariff is in contemplation in Italy and in Switzerland. In France the protectionists are showing signs of activity, and are disappointed that the new conventional tariff has not proved to be of a prohibitory nature. It is not likely that they will persuade the Legislature to have further recourse to bounties, and the treaties of 1861-82 will prevent any extreme reaction. In Germany public opinion seems to be setting against the recent protectionist policy, which is upheld by personal influence more than by any general sense of public interest. The time which has elapsed since the introduction of the important measures of fiscal reform adopted last year by the Government of India, under the able financial administration of Major Evelyn Baring, has not been sufficient to afford materials for an appreciation of their full effect, but those which already exist are of a most encouraging nature. The main features of the free-trade policy of that Government in Major Baring's budget of last year were 1. The entire abolition of all duties on importations into India, except on arms, ammunition, military stores (malt liquors, cider, liqueurs, spirits and wines), opium (when not covered by a Government pass), and salt. 2. The equalization and the reduction of the excise duty on salt. Remarkable statistics and calculations have recently been published tending to show that as railway communication increases in India, opening up the markets of the Western world to the vast population of the tillers of the soil of that country, India may hope to compete with all other sources of agricultural produce in supplying this country with corn in exchange for the products of Great Britain. The export of wheat from India rose from 2,195,500 cwt. in 1880 to 7,444,449 cwt. in 1881, and to 19,893,520 cwt. in 1882, or more than one-half of England's total imports of wheat from America in the year 1881, without any appreciable rise in price of wheat in India."

The chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report, referred to the secession of certain members of the club during the present year, and said the number did not amount to more than a dozen. "The Cobden Club," said Mr. Potter, "has been a useful institution in the past, and has considerable power all over the world. I think this influence will be greatly needed in the future, not merely abroad, but at home. It is useless to disguise the fact that protection is not dead in England. It is quite possible that efforts may be made to restore the food taxes, either directly or indirectly. As regards the food of the people, free trade must be rather developed than curtailed in its operation. The question of the supply of meat will, ere long, force itself on public attention. I believe that it will be found necessary to develop the import of live stock—not merely fat stock, but store cattle—with due precautions as regards disease. It is difficult to look into the future of the various industries of this country, but of one thing I feel certain—that the food of the people must never be interfered with, and the development of the trade must not be checked. It is quite possible that certain politicians may endeavor to restore protection under one guise or another. The Cobden Club will be a most useful organization for checking such a tendency. I appeal with confidence to our friends in the country to give us an unflinching and undiminished support in the future, as in the past." (Applause.)

Mr. Rylands seconded the motion. Mr. Thomas Briggs moved an amendment, attributing the slow progress of the club to the fact that the club has not declared customs and excise duties to be incompatible with free-trade principles.

Mr. Walter Wren sympathized with the terms of the amendment, and would second it as an addendum to the report.

The chairman was sure the club had done the best that could be done under the circumstances to advance the principles of free

trade, and he could only regard the amendment as a vote of censure upon the committee.

Only two votes were given for the amendment, and the report was adopted.

The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

The club, it should be said, has been weakened by the withdrawal of many of its most influential members, whose ostensible cause of quarrel was the fact that Mr. Chamberlain (an advanced Radical) was asked to preside at the annual dinner. These gentlemen, one would suppose, could not have been very earnest disciples of Cobden to take umbrage at such a matter. The club does not seem to gain in strength, perhaps because many Englishmen believe that it would be most mischievous and serious for us were you to discard your present fiscal system. The "National Fair Trade League," in its second annual report, states that while "for some time during 1882 there were appearances of returning vitality, the trade return of the current year shows the slender foundation for such hopes. The report states that the protectionist tone of foreign countries has in no degree abated, the new tariff law in the United States proving how keenly alive the people there are to the advantages of keeping their own custom for their own producers. During the second 12 months of the league's existence 139 meetings have been held, either in direct connection with the league or at which speakers have attended on its behalf, and 107,525 copies of its literature have been distributed." Fair trade, *alias* reciprocity, makes a very poor showing just now.

**SCOTCH PIG IRON**  
is quiet, with warrants now standing at 47/5 @ 47/3, as against 51/6 @ 51/9 a year ago. At the latter juncture, however, there were only 109 furnaces at work in Scotland, whereas there are now 115 (including seven on hematites), and it is rumored that one or two more will shortly be put in blast. Stocks decreased last week to the extent of 408 tons, but still amount, in Connal's stores, to 584,763 tons, as compared with 633,545 tons a year ago. What makers themselves hold in reserve is unknown, but as the favorable statistics issued at the end of June, 1882, have not been repeated, it is presumed that the quantity so held has been augmented. The shipments last week were 80 tons above those of the same week of 1882. To date this year the total is 353,423 tons, or 1024 tons better than last year to same date. Imports of Middlesboro' pig iron into Scotland have been 150,484 tons, or 26,942 tons more than in 1882 to date. Writing from Glasgow on July 28, James Watson & Co. said: "Throughout the week the Scotch iron market has been very quiet, only a restricted business being done in warrants, and prices of the various shipping brands do not show much change. The Middlesboro' market is weaker, quotations being about 6d. 1/2 ton easier. The warrant market was flat last Monday, the price receding from 47/4 to 47/1 1/2 ton. On Tuesday forenoon 47/ was accepted, rallying in the afternoon to 47/1 1/2 ton. On Wednesday the market was firmer, 47/3 being paid in the morning, dropping, however, later on to 47/1 1/2, cash. Yesterday the price again recovered from 47/1 1/2 to 47/3 1/2, and to-day the improvement has continued to 47/5, cash, closing with buyers at the latter figure. The shipments last week were 13,843 tons, as compared with 13,763 tons for the corresponding week of last year. We quote:

G. M. B., at Glasgow.	No. 1.	No. 2.
Clyde, "	49/6	49/6
Coltness, "	50/6	50/6
Langloan, "	51/6	51/6
Gartsherrie, "	52/6	52/6
Summerlee, "	53/6	53/6
Caldar, "	54/6	54/6
Carnbroe, "	55/6	55/6
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan, "	56/6	56/6
Edlington, "	57/6	57/6
Dalmellington, "	58/6	58/6
Shotts, at Leith, "	59/6	59/6
Kinnell, at Boness, "	60/6	60/6
Carron, at Grangemouth, "	61/6	61/6

**MIDDLESBORO' PIG IRON**  
is singularly dull and low in value, considering the very heavy current of shipments and the certainty that the monthly returns of Associated Ironmasters for July will show a notable decrease in the stocks. Makers hold out for 39/6 @ 40/ for No. 3, and other sorts *pro rata*, but second holders will sell at 39/3, and even at 39/ for parcels of fair size. For G. M. B., l.o.b. at makers' wharves in the Tees, the current rates for cash, less 2 1/2 %, on 10th of following month, are:

No. 1 Foundry.	No. 2 Foundry.	No. 3 Foundry.
White, "	37/9	37/9
Red Metal, "	38/9	38/9
Red Metal, "	39/9	39/9
Cinder, "	38/9	38/9

**NORTHERN IRON TRADE AND WAGES.**  
The following return has been made by Mr. E. Waterhouse to the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron Trade of the North of England:

**GENTLEMEN:** Having collected from the firms and companies belonging to, or associated for this purpose with, your board, the returns of their sales of manufactured iron during the three months ending June 30, and having verified the same by an examination of their books, I certify the average net selling price of pig iron to have been £6. 4/3. Beneath is a statement of the different different classes of iron sold, and the average net selling price of each. The sales of five firms which were not previously included are now given, and this accounts largely for the increased output.

**SALES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30.**

Description.	Weights invoiced.	Percentage of total.	Average price per ton.
Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Rails, "	116,000	6	1 1/2
Plates, "	21,454	0	1 1/2
Bars, "	35,027	7	1 1/2
Angles, "	35,027	7	1 1/2
Total.	193,510	23	3 1/2

The wages changes of recent years are as follows:

DEBRY SCALE, BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN STAFFORDSHIRE AND THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.					
			Selling price.	Wages arranged.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MAY 31, 1874	.....		10 18 11 1/2	11	0
AUG. 15, 1874	.....		9 10 1 1/2	10	0
NOV. 30, 1874	.....		9 10 1 1/2	10	0
FEB. 28, 1875	.....		8 14 3 1/2	9	0

ARRANGED MUTUALLY AT DARLINGTON, FOR SIX MONTHS TO DECEMBER 31, 1875.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 15, 1875	8 3 1 1/2	9 0
MEASRS. WILLIAMS AND MUNDELL'S AWARD.		
Dated Jan. 18, 1876	7 10 4 1/2	8 3
MR. DALE'S AWARD.		
Dated April 13, 1878	6 7 4 1/2	7 6
MR. LEFEBVRE'S AWARD.		
Dated Jan. 13, 1879	6 0 5 1/2	7 0
THE SLIDING SCALE.		
Came into operation May 1, 1882.		
March 31, 1880	6 2 11 1/2	7 0
June 30, 1880	6 10 8 1/2	8 0
Sept. 30, 1880	6 8 0 1/2	8 0
Dec. 31, 1880	6 4 3 1/2	7 0
March 31, 1881	6 3 7 1/2	7 0
June 30, 1881	6 2 1 1/2	7 0
Sept. 30, 1881	5 10 8 1/2	7 0
Dec. 31, 1881	5 18 11 1/2	7 0

**BOARD OF ARBITRATION.**  
February, 1882, a strike took place, when the Board of Arbitration raised puddling 9d. 1/2 ton, and other wages 7 1/2 %.

**SIR J. W. PEASE'S AWARD.**  
In May, 1882, Sir J. W. Pease's award was given, and regulated wages up to the present time:

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 30, 1882	6 7 0	8 0
Sept. 30, 1882	6 8 6	8 0
Dec. 31, 1882	6 8 6	8 0
Mar. 31, 1883	6 6 0	7 9
June 30, 1883	6 4 3	7 9

Wages are now subject to one month's notice on either side.

**HEMATITE PIG IRON,**

are dull and slow of sale. West Coast mixed parcels of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are obtainable at 49/ and upward, while maker's brands are:

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Cleator, "	51/6	51/6
Lonsdale, "	51/6	51/6
Workington, "	51/6	51/6
Lowthion, "	51/6	51/6
Distington, "	51/6	51/6
Harrington, "	51/6	51/6
Solway, "	51/6	51/6
Maryport, "	51/6	51/6

Last week's shipments from these ports amounted to over 21,000 tons. North of England hematite pigs are quoted as below:

No. or quality.	Ordinary.	Bessemer.
No. 1	51/6	51/6
No. 2	50/6	50/6
No. 3	49/6	49/6
Mottled	49/6	49/6
Hot	49/6	49/6

**THE LONDON IRON SALES.**

Respecting the results of these sales, in which your dealers have a yearly greater interest, I am advised by Messrs. Green & Pitt, Mincing Lane, as follows:

"After deducting all old import ivory, as well as the mammoth, sea horse and waste, from the 116 1/2 tons catalogued, there were about 98 tons only of actually new import elephant ivory, and this seems to us to have been scraped together with a tolerable amount of effort. The total of 116 1/2 tons is only 16 tons below the average supply for the third series of sales of the preceding 20 years; but this is to be accounted for by the smallness of the sales in 1881 and 1882, which were respectively 99 1/2 tons and 72 1/2 tons. The average quarterly supply for 20 years is 130 1/2 tons, so that the quantity in the present sales is about 14 tons below that average. Much of the ivory offered was of good and fine quality, though with some quantity of very inferior, stale and partly perished, particularly among the Egyptian. The Zanzibar and East Indian generally was very desirable, especially as regards the tusks, the cut stuff for the most part being good—embracing a large proportion of billiard-ball pieces of excellent appearance—though there was by no means a lack of inferior and defective rejections. Of the Egyptian about one-half consisted of tusks in excellent condition as regards freshness, though more or less cracked, the balance being rough, stale and weathered. The portion of scrivoles was, however, again comparatively small. Respecting the Cape and Benguela soft, the quality was good, though showing very little extra sound; while the West Coast African, both Ambriz, Angola and Niger, were quite up to an average in quality, size and condition. The mammoth was again very varied, and the sea-horse tusks about an average. The salesroom was well attended throughout, and, notwithstanding the sales being large compared with the recent exhibit, a lively competition prevailed, and, except in very few instances, rather firmer prices were maintained, and the market quite sustains the intimations we have been continually giving in all our recent issues. The buying was not confined to any particular country, but, if anything, the French and German preponderated. The American orders were small, and the English bought cautiously."

By comparison with the rates ruling in the April auctions, we consider that East India kinds, viz., Zanzibar, Bombay, Mozambique, Quilimane, &c., soft tusks of 100 pounds weight and above, went at £2 @ £3 decline, those between 50 pounds and 100 pounds at £2 decline, advancing to par, and those under 50 pounds at £2 @ £3 drop; hard tusks of 70 pounds and above receded £1 @ £2, and those between 40 pounds and 70 pounds, £2 @ £4, while what were under 40 pounds were rather firmer, on the whole. Billiard ball measurement cut pieces were, all round, £2 @ £4 higher, and the unmeasured cut points for balls were nearly always firm and in some cases a trifle dearer. Cut bagatelle points were a little irregular at from £1 to £4 advance. Cut points without balls, for cutlery and comb-making purposes, went very firmly. Cut hollows of large size were irregular, though on the average firm, the medium and small sizes being for the most part £1 @ £2 higher. Scrivoles realized very full prices, and cores an advance of £2 @ £4. Egyptian—Alexandrian soft tusks sold very firmly, and hard, the better qualities at £1 @ £2 advance; the more defective and inferior lots, £2 @ £4 (proving the defects by cutters' experience of previous lots to be of less extent than expected). Billiard-ball scrivoles went firmly to £2 higher, and common scrivoles at full prices for the soft and £1 @ £3 higher for the hard. Malta and Tripoli tusks of soft grain went at steady prices for such as were of about 35 pounds weight and upward, and the lesser weights were £2 @ £3 higher; the hard-grain tusks were all round firm, as were also the scrivoles, both soft and hard; billiard-ball scrivoles advanced £2 @ £3. Cape of Good Hope—Tusks of 25 pounds and larger

solid firmly, the larger sizes being rather dearer; billiard-ball and bagatelle scrivoles were £2 higher, and common scrivoles firm. The same observations may be made as respects the Benguela. **West Coast African.**—Ambriz, Angola and Niger show an improvement of £1 @ £3 all round, and even more for some lots of scrivoles, prices being quite equal to those obtained in the recent Liverpool sales. The mammoth brought barely full prices. Sea-horse tusks were slightly higher for straight, especially those of less than 1 pound in weight, while the curved brought very full figures. Rhinoceros horns were a trifle easier, as might have been anticipated in consequence of the quantity, which was large, as compared with recent supplies. Bagatelle tusks sold well, at par to £2 per cwt. advance, with keen competition, which must have been caused solely by renewed demand for ball points, there being none for bagatelle, all orders for some time past having been either withdrawn or the limits for those in hand reduced, which may be an indication of the (prolonged) anticipated and customary periodical lull in the demand for bagatelle ivory in India. The next quarterly auctions are fixed to begin on Tuesday, October 23."

**SOME CURRENT PRICES**

are as appended:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Copper sheets, 4 x 4, 1/2 ton	74	00
Copper sheathing, 1/2 ton	75	00
Yellow metal sheets, 4 x 4, 1/2 ton	00	00
Yellow metal sheathing, 1/2 ton	00	00
Wallerop copper, 1/2 ton	69	00
Chili Copper, 1/2 ton	63	15
Best selected ingot, 1/2 ton	70	00
Brass wire, 1/2 ton	00	00
Copper wire, 1/2 ton	00	00
Composition nails, 1/2 ton	00	00
Copper tubes, 1/2 ton	00	00
Brass tubes, 1/2 ton	00	00
Sheet zinc, best brands, 1/2 ton	18	00
Hard spelter, 1/2 ton	10	00
Wallerop spelter, special brands, 1/2 ton	10	00
Virgin spelter, 1/2 ton	15	00
Virgin spelter, special brands, 1/2 ton	12	00
Remelted spelter, 1/2 ton	14	00
Straits tin, 1/2 ton	95	00
English tin, in ingots, 1/2 ton	98	00
Galvanized sheet iron, 15 @ 22 G.	18	00
Galvanized sheet iron, 22 G.	18	00
Galvanized sheet iron, 24 G.	13	00
Galvanized sheet iron, 26 G., in felt	16	5

tubes, black, 72 1/2 % off list.	5	12	6
Gas tubes, galvanized, 57 1/2 % off list.	5	12	6
Boiler tubes, 60 % off list.	5	12	6
Quicksilver, 1/2 bottle	00	16	00
Lead, L. B. pigs, 1/2 ton	00	17	3
Tin plates, 1 C coke, in line, 1/2 box	00	17	3
Tin plates, 1 C charcoal, 1/2 box	00	19	6
Cube nickel, 1/2 ton	00	3	6
German silver sheets, 1/2 ton	00	1	8
Bright iron wire, No. 6 to 7, 1/2 ton	00	9	00
Fencing wire, 2 to 3, 1/2 ton	00	9	00
Wire nails, 2 to 7, 1/2 cwt.	00	8	9
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Auchers, 1/2 cwt.	00	14	6
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**FOREIGN.**

**FRANCE.**

(Moniteur des Interests Matériels.)

**PARIS, July 30, 1883.**—Metals.—Continued rains have injured crops a good deal lately both in this country and elsewhere, causing prospects for the fall trade to be less encouraging and a duller feeling in the market. Prices in the latter have, nevertheless, been steady, and even slightly better, in all but Lead, which is lower. We quote at the close, in francs, 100 kg.: **Copper.**—Chili Bars, 164 @ 168 75; Ingots and Slabs, 171 50; Best Selected, 172 50; **Aluminum.**—France, 257 50; **Aluminum.**—Straits and Australian, 250 50; **English.**—Lead, 31 25 @ 32 25, and Spelter, 45 @ 46 50. **Iron.**—In this market dealers complain that consumers still hold back and do not feel disposed to touch Merchant Iron, even at the low figure of 12 1/2 francs 100 kg. There being offers from the rolling mills in the interior for less, deliverable in this city. During the past fortnight the situation had improved somewhat at the North, but we now hear that the better feeling and demand have vanished. It was hinted that the latter have not only the rolling mills in that region would curtail their output, but so far nothing of the kind has been done. With the ratification by the Chambers of the railroad agreement, business in the iron line, however, cannot be a new phase; hence we may confidently look forward to a revival, which at this juncture will be most welcome. A project is on foot to place Algeria on the same basis as regards its tariff as the mother country; if carried out, it will prove beneficial to both; it is therefore applauded on all hands. The import of Pig iron into France the first six months has been 174,022 tons, against 136,301 last year; of Finished, 48,735, against 35,691, and of Steel, 42,027, against 18,663. Of the two we have imported 80,995 tons, against 120 in 1882, and 611,850 in 1881. Coal.—Very little transpires; gradually preparations are made for the fall campaign, expected to be lively.

(L'Ancre)

**ST. DREIZEN, July 30, 1883.**—Iron.—There is less doing, but at this time of the year business usually lacks activity; so far this dullness has, nevertheless, failed to bring down the price of Charcoal Merchant, still held at 19 francs 100 kg. Prime Large orders are scarce at the Haute-Marne rolling mills, the demand there is for prime classes of iron. Mixed sells with greater ease than Coke Iron. Prime of the former selling at 20 @ 20 50. Machine iron is neglected; No. 20 Mixed, for wire-drawing, is firm at 20 50. Wire Nails are less in request, there being a falling off in export orders; No. 18 in bulk sells at 27 50, in small lots. There is less activity noticeable at the foundries. A slackening in the demand for Structural Iron is also observable, while for Hollow-ware and Stoves has not yet manifested itself. The only inquiry there is for the casting of Machinery; those turning out Pig iron suitable for this branch are kept busy.

(Revue Industrielle.)

**VALENCIENNES, July 31, 1883.**—Iron.—The slight revival that took place the week before last, has subsided since. Our rolling mills have all got the same difficulties to contend with. Whenever they think that at length they have succeeded in clinching a bargain, purchasers want further concessions; meanwhile they have still got a run of small orders, with which they manage to get along for the moment, without the assurance of greater jobs hereafter. Merchant Iron they cannot place any better than 16 50, and Sheet Iron has dropped below 21 francs 100 kg.

**BELGIUM.**

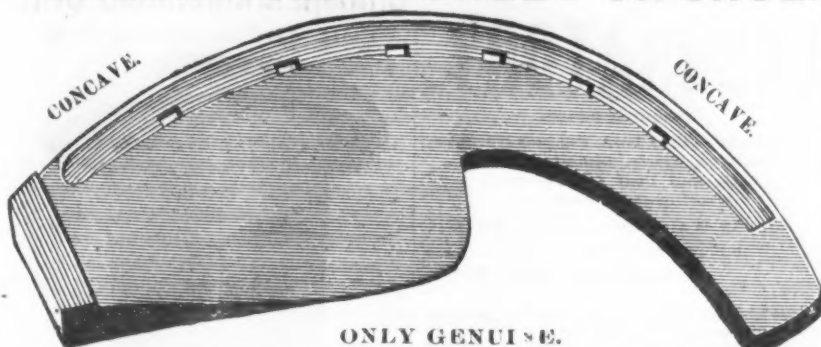
(Moniteur Industriel.)

**BRUSSELS, July 31, 1883.**—Iron.—The outlook in the iron trade is again rather unsettled. People evidently were a little too sanguine with respect to the immediate future. There is certainly an improvement, but it is as yet slow, and has not as yet assumed the proportions of a revival in full. Pig Iron has become quite firm, especially in the Charleroi Basin; there an advance has been established, and the range is 14 50 @ 15 francs 100 kg. English Pig is well held at 5 50; Domestic Foundry Pig does not vary from 7 25; Athus-Hallu Puddling Pig remains at 5 francs. Rolling

mills in Belgium receive small orders steadily, and the rapidly with which delivery thereof is made proves that large ones are still scarce; but, at any rate, they are expected to be moderately busy. The latest concern on the other hand, have made some important contracts. Steel Rails have sold as low as 11 50 francs. Merchant No. 1 has sold at between 12 50 and 12 75; Sheets at 16 50 @ 17. On taking a general view of the situation, it may be asserted that the tendency is a favorable one, but that no decided advance in prices has as yet been established. Metals are tolerably active and firm. We quote Copper 176 francs 100 kg.; Tin, Banca, 248; Billiton, 247; Pig Lead, soft, 11 25, and Spelter, 45. Coal remains in good position at 13 @ 10 francs; Domestic, 17 @ 10; Gas, 8 @ 14; Industrial, 8 @ 9, small; 9 50 for Coke; Coke, 15 @ 17 1/2 ton.



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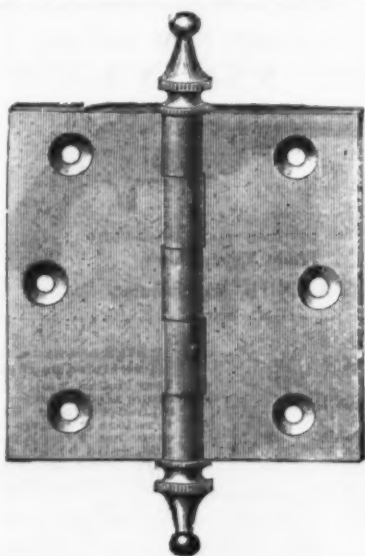
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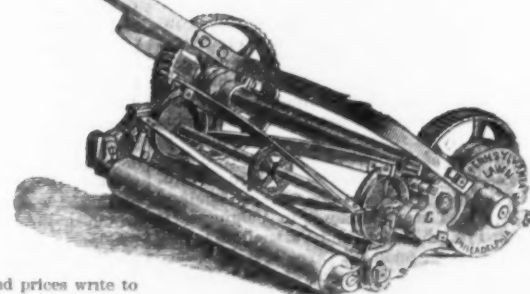


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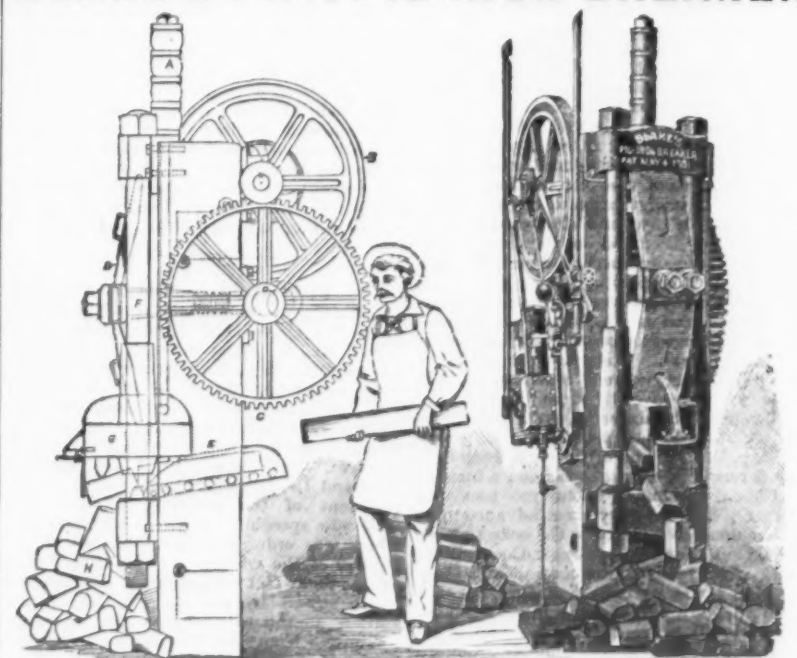


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## Belgian Iron Manufacture.

In a paper on the history of the iron and coal industries in the Liège district, read at a recent meeting of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers, it was remarked that the discovery in 1870 of ancient furnaces at Lustin and Namur, Belgium, still filled with materials, throws some light on the primitive methods employed for the manufacture of iron. The furnace in each case consisted of a single excavation in the ground, oval in form and rounded at the bottom. It was about 12 feet long by 9 feet wide and 3 feet deep, formed in a bed of clay, and a channel pierced through the clay allowed air to enter the bottom of the furnace. The metal found in this hollow portion showed, on analysis, 0.48 per cent. of iron, 0.37 of carbon, 4.94 of fusible materials and 1.21 of sulphur and phosphorus. It is considered probable that the Romans communicated to the ancient Belgians the use of the bellows, which had been known to them for a long time, and that other improvements were made in the metallurgical art during their rule. The impulse thus given was very probably checked by the invasion of German tribes. The *Fourneau à Masse* or "*Stueckofen*" which was higher than the old furnaces and thus allowed a greater concentration of heat, is supposed to date back as far as the eighth century. Between the eighth and twelfth centuries the iron trade developed considerably, and the low countries are cited as the district where the manufacture had at that time reached its most advanced state. From that time until the fifteenth century the progress made was comparatively inappreciable. In 1468 the iron works of the Liège district were almost entirely destroyed by the troops of the Duke of Burgundy. Up to this time malleable iron was almost the only product, but the metallurgist, Karsten, observes that the first apparatus for producing cast iron was established in the low countries, whence the art extended into Sweden and England. The oldest blast furnace appears to have been constructed near Namur in the year 1340. It is, at any rate, certain that before 1400 the foundry-pig blast furnaces of Les Vennes and Gribegnée, near Liège, were well known. During the succeeding three centuries the number of blast furnaces grew very rapidly, so that in 1700 an edict of the Prince Bishop of Liège forbade the erection of any new furnaces for the next 25 years.

Coke as a fuel for blast furnaces was introduced from England at a relatively recent period. In 1769 an attempt was made to smelt iron ores by means of coke, but without success. Wood becoming scarce, raw coal had been used for the finish of malleable iron as early as 1627, but its employment in the process of transforming cast iron into malleable iron was also of foreign origin. This process became common in England while it was still unknown in Belgium. It was in 1784 that Cort and Partnell invented in England the puddling furnace and grooved rolls. Those improvements were introduced into Belgium, but the French Revolution shortly afterward put an end to all progress in industrial arts, and the works of the Liège district were in great measure reduced to a condition so deplorable that it was necessary to close them. There was, however, no long intermission of inactivity. In 1800 circular blast furnaces were found to be replacing the octagonal furnace hitherto in use. Their height was at the same time raised from 15 to 25 feet. In 1803 the casting of cannon was commenced at Liège, and soon became the largest industry in the province. The idea, however, was still general that the coal of Liège was not fit for making coke, and it was not until 1823 that an Englishman whose name has become celebrated—John Cockerill—erected at Seraing the first blast furnace using coke as its fuel. This furnace remained unique of its kind until 1830; it was the origin of the works of the Cockerill Co., now one of the most important on the Continent. About the same time—in 1821—Michael Orban erected at Grivegnée the first puddling furnace and the first rolling mill on the English pattern. After 1830 the iron trade of Liège made a sudden start under the double influence of the introduction of railways and the inauguration of large financial companies. In 1839, and afterward in 1848, serious crises occurred in the trade; but these reverses were succeeded on both occasions by new advances in prosperity.

So far as an improvement in the methods of working iron is concerned, the following particulars will show the progress which has taken place: It is known that the low hearths formerly in use produced in 1546 about 300 kg. (6 cwt.) of iron in 24 hours. At the end of the sixteenth century the blast furnace then in use produced about 3 tons per day. At the end of the eighteenth century it remained almost the same; a furnace at Chimay produced about 720 tons per annum. For any very great advance upon this we must go forward to the coke furnace erected at Seraing by John Cockerill in 1823. This furnace produced about 10 tons in the 24 hours. About 1840, furnaces of a new type, erected about the same time in the Cockerill works and in those of Espérance and of Grivegnée, regularly produced 14 tons of foundry pig, or 20 tons of refinery pig, per day. In 1848, 24 tons was considered a good average make per day, and in 1860 the Grivegnée furnaces, which gave the best results in production, did not run more than 9000 tons of pig per annum, or about 25 tons per day. The make has now very largely increased. The Seraing furnaces produce from 65 to 68 tons of Bessemer pig per day, while at Ougrée two furnaces produced altogether in 1882 more than 41,000 tons. In making pig iron for ordinary puddling a make of more than 90 tons per day has been attained. The blast furnaces at Esch-sur-Alzette, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, produce as much as 110 tons per day.

As to wrought iron, it is difficult to give exact figures. The skill of the workman is a main element in the quantity produced; and the improvements effected by the substitution of coal for wood have had a large influence on the price, without greatly changing the capacity of production. The attempts to puddle by machinery have had little success, and progress has been realized chiefly in the economy of fuel by means of gas furnaces, especially the

Bicheroux furnace. Whereas formerly about 1 ton of coal was required for every ton of puddled bar produced, 550 kg. (11 cwt.) are now sufficient.

As regards steel, we will only consider the steel produced by the converter process. The first Bessemer converters, erected at Seraing in 1863, gave 10 to 12 tons of steel per day. At present each pair of converters may be reckoned on to give from 150 to 160 tons in the 24 hours, and on the new American system 340 and even 360 tons have been obtained. As a matter of statistics, the annual production of the works in the province of Liège was estimated in 1829 at 7078 tons of pig iron, 660 tons of castings, 5011 tons of wrought iron and 4778 tons of iron manufactured for various purposes. The manufacturing works employed 711 workmen. In 1850, the make of pig iron had risen to 65,393 tons; that of castings to 7688 tons; that of wrought iron to 23,252 tons, and, lastly, that of manufactured iron to 7093 tons. In 1882 we find that the province of Liège contained 13 blast furnaces actually in blast, and employing 1215 workmen. The make of pig iron was 238,968 tons. The production of wrought iron and of manufactured iron was 126,461 tons, and occupied 5180 workmen. Lastly, the steel works contained 9 converters, produced 171,937 tons, and occupied 2747 workmen. The average wages of the workmen employed at the blast furnace is 3 francs (2/6) per day; those employed at works for making or for working up wrought iron get an average 3.46 francs (2/10½) per day; while those employed at the steel works, properly so called, have, on an average, 3.58 francs (3/) per day. These works, on the whole, have been actuated by 473 engines of various kinds, giving a total power of 14,688 horsepower.

## Scrap Iron in China.

The London Iron Trade Exchange remarks that the Chinese make very slow progress in the march of civilization; indeed, some of their movements bear a strong resemblance to a retreat to the depths of barbarism. The prospects of developing the iron trade in the Celestial Empire are darkened by a mania which has seized them for utilizing scrap iron, instead of importing manufactured iron suitable for their requirements. Table knives are not needed in China, but for agricultural and general purposes the Chinese have a knack of converting old horseshoes into cutting instruments, and they prefer these homemade goods to the most tempting productions of Sheffield. They also convert old horseshoes into fish-plates for strengthening the axles of native wagons. The Chinese demand for scrap iron has developed marvelously during the last few years, and Shanghai is now a great depot for old iron, which is brought as ballast by ships from England. Lieut. H. N. Shore, in a paper published in the last issue of the *Journal of the Society of Arts*, states that at Shanghai acres of ground are covered with old iron awaiting shipment to the interior. Old hoop iron, boiler plates, cart-wheel tires, and every description of old iron, are being sent up country for conversion into agricultural implements.

This remarkable proclivity for scrap iron threatens to seriously interfere with the demand for bar and merchant iron, and it is perhaps not difficult to trace its origin. The Eastern trade has been cut up by the competition of Belgian makers, and quality has been entirely lost sight of in the struggle for indents. Imitation Swedish iron is an article of commerce chiefly manufactured for the India and China markets, and, beyond the name, it usually bears no resemblance to the article it is supposed to imitate. The Chinese like a good soft iron that is easily worked, but they have been deluged with the commonest rubbish that is produced. At length John Chinaman has kicked, and, having discovered a remedy, he prefers good scrap to bad finished iron. In the economy of business it is almost impossible to injure another without suffering one's self, and those who have palmed off spurious iron on the unfortunate Chinese have now leisure to repent of their having closed what should have been a good market for good iron.

## The First Woolen Mill in America.

Referring to an article which appeared under the above head in one of our recent issues, Mr. W. H. Wetherill, of Philadelphia, informs us that in the month of March, 1775, a meeting was held in Carpenter's Hall, of that city, by the subscribers to what was called the United Company of Philadelphia, for promoting American manufactures. Each share value was fixed at £10, and Dr. Benjamin Rush, being chosen president of the meeting, delivered an elaborate speech in favor of the industry, which was ordered to be published at the request of the company. The latter established their factory corner of Market and Ninth streets by renting a house, lot and garden at the rate of £40 per year. A committee from the shareholders were to be in regular attendance, one of the four being changed each week. The fines imposed were 6d. for lateness and 1/ for non-attendance, but half an hour from the time called for by the four best watches present was allowed each party. Skilled workmen were employed, some of them working out their "redemption" money by services at the factory. Although the industry seems to have started on wool, its growth included flax and hemp.

The city of Geneva, Switzerland, is about to utilize the water-power of the Rhône for the construction of a great central motive-power factory. The power is to be derived from the river at a point about 1000 yards above the junction of the Rhône and Arve, and between there and the mill of Vernier. Powers are solicited from the Swiss Council of State by the town council of Geneva to utilize this power for a period of 99 years. The execution of the project will put the city of Geneva in possession of several thousands of horse-power cheap; it will develop the water service, and permit the lighting of the town by electricity. The Geneva State

will undertake not to authorize any opposition scheme. The water-power will be utilized by means of a dam across the river, furnished with discharge ways for flood waters. Turbines will be erected on the right bank of the river, and will be capable of utilizing a minimum volume of 120 cubic meters (about 4200 cubic feet) per second, with a fall of four meters (about 13 feet).

Speaking of railway accidents, a contemporary remarks, very appropriately, that it is a very serious question whether railroad telegraph operators are not frequently taxed beyond their capacity, by being obliged to remain on duty for such protracted periods that their mental perceptions are blunted, and they "forget" to execute orders, as in a recent instance. A counterpart of this disaster is furnished by reports of a recent occurrence in England, when important signals were disregarded, because both the locomotive engineer and the fireman of an express train were asleep. There are limits to human endurance and alertness, which should be as carefully considered as the relations of railway systems, and the failure to fully recognize this fact is the primary cause of a considerable number of destructive "accidents."

Engineering (London) states that during recent researches of Professor Hughes, he found that certain kinds of brass are appreciably magnetic. This is probably due to iron impurities in the zinc used in making the brass alloy, and as brass free from magnetism is important for making some kinds of electrical apparatus, it would be well if makers would turn their attention to the matter.

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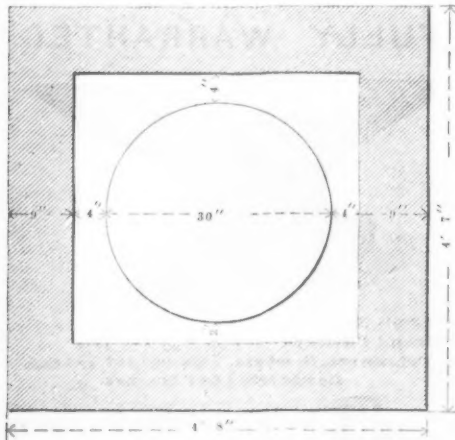




## Mechanical Construction.

Mr. Coleman Sellers, of Philadelphia, recently delivered a lecture before the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art in that city on the above subject, and as we think it will be of interest to our readers generally, we give it here almost entire:

It is not often that laymen have an opportunity to talk about teaching to those who make an occupation of it. At the same time, an expression of opinion from a layman may sometimes afford suggestions which may be developed by those who are better fitted to grapple with the subject. I do not think, from what I know of modern teaching, that it differs very much from what it was when I was a boy. I do know this, however—that when



Mechanical Construction.—Fig. 1.—Plan of Vertical Boiler, with Square Brick Casing.

pupils from the public schools come to our machine shops, we find that they have a lack of some kinds of information, and a superabundance of other kinds of information, if there can be too much of any. They have been educated to make good tradesmen and dealers, but not good mechanics. The mercantile element in every branch of business is a very important element, for the mechanic must be a good merchant, too, in order to make his business prosper; but if there could be such an arrangement of the studies as to give the pupils some knowledge of what would be of use to them in the shops, we would be better satisfied. We would like the young man who comes into the workshop to feel that the mathematical knowledge which enables him to combine different grades of sugars or teas, so as to produce a mixture of a required value, would also find an application in calculating the proportions of the component parts of machines, and that the same rules, if you choose to call them rules, are of use in calculating the relative speeds of machines and computing strength of parts. If their examples had been so selected they would not seem to be so helpless when they came to the workshops.

There has lately been published a book that I would advise you all to read. It is called "The Autobiography of James Nasmyth," who is a Scotchman, the son of a portrait painter of note, and who became, almost unaided, one of the eminent mechanical engineers of modern times. He invented the steam hammer and many of the modern machine tools, such as those which are manufactured by the firm with which I am connected. He invented many labor-saving machines, and at a comparatively early age, about 43, retired with a competency, and devotes his time to science with such success that he also is known as an astronomer of considerable merit. He has given us, in a

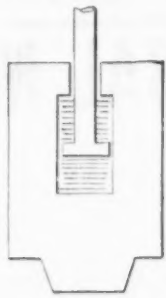


Fig. 2.—Section Through Steam Hammer.

well-arranged book, his autobiography. Almost every page will show you the need of drawing. He will show you that he could not have done anything toward his great work had he not been instructed in drawing in his early youth. I believe that this study should be commenced at a very early age. I conceive that it is between the years one and two of a child's life that drawing should be begun. I have seen children who, before they were two years old, could say with a pencil more than they could say with words. This is not an exaggeration. The natural instinct of every child is to draw; all are fond of pictures; a child's nature is to take in information from surrounding objects, and when he has got it, he can make use of it. The study of drawing cannot be begun too early.

It will probably be best, in order to make this matter perfectly clear to you, to show you to some extent what are the requirements of drawing in a machine shop. You must bear in mind that everything that is constructed must have a drawing made of it before it can be made. There are various kinds of drawings, and they may be classified as representative, constructive and decorative. Representative drawing, which is the kind of drawing that a child begins with. It may also be called pictorial. It is not at all possible to make a machine from drawings that merely show the outside. Drawings for machines have to show the dimensions of every part, and drawings made for this purpose are called constructive drawings. They show the contour of objects, and that contour is indicated only by an outline. The whole surface is often covered over with lines and figures indicating dimensions, and the drawing does not present a picture of the machine,

but rather seems to the uninitiated like a meaningless jumble of lines. The mechanic must know something of how to make drawings in order to know how to read them. The general inability to understand drawing is often illustrated thus: You make a carefully constructed drawing or plan of something which you wish to have made—something quite simple, we will suppose. You carry that drawing to an ordinary handicraftsman, who may be an excellent workman. He will probably look at the drawing, hesitate, and finally ask you to show him what it means.

Not long ago I had a vertical boiler to set in my cellar; it was 30 inches in diameter. I wished to have a wall built around the boiler. Say this is the boiler (illustrating, Fig. 1).

I wanted a 4-inch space between the boiler and the 9-inch wall, a less space in front and 4 inches behind. So simple a plan as this which is here drawn was submitted to a good bricklayer. He examined it, and finally confessed that he could not understand it. I had given him the outside dimensions of all the parts of it. Finally I had to take sticks and lay them together on the ground, and told him to build the brickwork up to these sticks and he would be all right. This man had received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia before they taught drawing. He was not an ignorant man, by any means, but he could not understand how a drawing, 1 foot square, could represent what was to be 5 feet square. When drawing comes to be taught generally in the public schools, you will find that there are many ways of making the subject interesting; you will find it the best means of conveying many kinds of instruction. As soon as a boy comes from the schools and passes into the drawing office of the shops, he is surprised that the rules of arithmetic are

not used—at least not to the extent that he thought they might be; but he soon grasps the idea that arithmetic may be used in a different manner. He is made to feel that facts must be understood, and not learned by rote. He learns that the "Rule of Three" need not be done by figures altogether, but may be worked out by a combination of straight lines, and by means of this graphical process he finds that he can calculate much more rapidly than he could by figures. In other words, he is taught to scale his various problems.

To leave this part of the subject, we will proceed at once to the requirements of the mechanical draftsman (showing a large mechanical drawing). This is a drawing of a steam hammer, which was intended to be engraved. I have brought this because you can see it more plainly than a working drawing. This is only a front elevation, as it is called. It represents a machine as you would see it on one side, but not in perspective. You are looking at the face of it. All drawings for machines are made in that manner. After they are so made it is customary to trace them, the tracings being made on cloth such as this (showing an ordinary tracing). Formerly these tracings were sent to the workshop for the men to work to, but that has been generally abandoned, now owing to the use of what is called the blue process. Sheets of paper coated with a chemical substance are placed under the tracing and then covered by a sheet of glass. It is exposed to the sunlight. The light passes through the thin paper or the thin tracing cloth upon which the drawing is made, and falls upon the prepared surface of the paper. Wherever the light strikes a chemical change takes place, and where the light does not pass through there is no change. Where the light has touched the paper the chemicals become insoluble in water. These sheets are then washed off in pure water, and the effect is produced of white lines upon a blue ground.

I have here a blue print, which will give you some idea of the intricacy of mechanical drawings. It is covered with writing and with figures. Every part of a machine to be constructed is carefully mapped out. It will not do to trust to measurements of the drawing, but all the parts are marked with their dimensions in inches and fractions of inches, going as high as four decimals in cases where such nicety is required.

A boy comes to the workshop with no knowledge of how to draw. The first thing we give him to do, if he is to learn to be a draftsman, is to have him place a sheet of this translucent paper over a drawing and tell him to trace the lines underneath it, and so for many weeks he is kept at making tracings. During that time he has learned the use of instruments and has learned the parts of machines. He is gradually becoming familiar with what he looks at, and begins to discern in the confusion of lines the true forms of the objects which are represented. So he is learning to talk before he learns grammar. He learns to draw before a single one of the rules of drawing is taught to him in any way or shape. That is the way drawing must be taught to be taught successfully. If he wishes to be more than a mere draftsman, he must have a certain facility at free-hand sketching; he must learn to make drawings by his pencil unaided by his instruments. Such drawings, however, are not working drawings. A constructive drawing should not have any free-hand work. It must be done by the aid of squares, compasses or curves. Still, it is necessary for him to know how to sketch, for the knowledge is of inestimable importance, and it marks the place where the man ceases to be a mere "hand" and becomes a head. He is then enabled to impart knowledge as well as absorb it.

It has been said that a man may go into a country where he does not understand one word of the language, and pass everywhere with ease if he will carry a sketch-book and pencil with him, and knows how to use them well, for he can resort to the universal language of the pencil and talk to every person in a manner that he can understand. There is a story told of a painter sketching in a certain part of Wales where English was but little understood. He became very hungry, and stopping at a house, he made up his mind that he would like to have a cup of tea to drink, and he found that the best way to explain it was to draw

a tea-cup with a spoon put in it. This little sketch would certainly enable him to give the lady an idea of what he wanted. (Mr. Coleman Sellers, Jr., drew rapidly upon the blackboard the illustration described by the speaker.) In this case he wanted some eggs also, and would like to have the eggs fried; so he gave the idea of a pan where the cooking was to be done as a preliminary to the intimation that he wanted some eggs, and having drawn the eggs, for fear that they might be mistaken for potatoes, he supplemented it by a drawing representing the fowl from which the egg was derived. It might not possibly have been an exact representation, but it gave an idea of what was intended.

Mr. Nasmyth, in his very interesting book, tells a still better story. He said that when he was traveling in Sweden he stopped at a country inn where no one could speak English. He wanted to make them understand that he wished something to eat, so he carried out the graphical method still further than this, and he gives us a picture of what he wanted to obtain. This illustration now upon the blackboard will tell its own story, and Mr. Nasmyth had no difficulty in getting exactly what he wanted. (Mr. Sellers, Jr., drew a picture of a roast chicken upon a platter, with knife and fork, a bottle and a tumbler, corkscrew, loaf of bread, &c.) Mr. Nasmyth tells us that in the course of his early instruction under his father, the old gentleman was in the habit of throwing a pile of bricks, or blocks that would represent bricks, in such a way that there was seemingly no order among them, and then would tell his son to make a sketch of them. He would make the picture, at first not so readily, but afterward with better success, and his father used to tell him that anybody who could make a picture of a pile of bricks could make a drawing of any of the greatest buildings of England without any trouble at all. The ease of acquiring such facility is much greater than most persons would imagine, but the earlier in life this art is acquired, the easier it is learned. A child who learns to draw is not so much hampered by a knowledge of the shapes of things. I have tried this experiment upon laboring

men upon the railroad. I asked one of them if the track didn't seem to come together in the distance; and he said "No, sir." A child would have said, "Yes." The man, however, knew that the rails did not come together, because he laid them, and it did not impress him that they did appear in perspective to come together. Again, take the same person out to see the setting sun, and let him see the light streaming in through the clouds in seemingly divergent paths, and ask him if he thinks those rays are parallel, and he will say that they are not. It would, however, be difficult to make him understand that they are parallel. You can show him that all the rays of sun that strike the earth are practically parallel lines, and that they are precisely the same in perspective as a railroad track. Now, the child does not know these things. The child, in looking at the railroad track, will more readily say that the rails do seem to come together, and in drawing a railroad track, he would draw the two rails in that way.

When the Pennsylvania Museum first opened its drawing school, I examined a great many of the pictures that were brought there as specimens of work by those who wished to enter. They were almost all made from the flat—that is, they were copied from other drawings. Every one was required to draw some object which we placed before him. That object was a figure made up of certain bars of wood painted white. In nearly every case the pupils endeavored to represent that object on all sides of it, as though it was spread out. They knew that it was square, and so they reached off in every direction to figure it. They were allowing their knowledge of the actual shape of the thing to interfere with their drawing of that which is really impressed upon the eye. It requires one to have a good deal of control over his reason to make him come to that point when he can draw or paint a thing as it is, and not as his reason tells him it ought to be. In nine cases out of ten, when a person attempts to paint a landscape for the first time he will paint the leaves of the trees in the distance green, although they do not appear green to the eye, and it can be proved that they are not green; but when a picture is properly painted, the same person, in looking at it, will say these trees appear to be green in the distance, when not a single particle of green has been used in painting them.

In teaching the art of drawing, the earlier you begin with a child in free-hand sketching the more easily he will attain facility in doing it. Let us now consider the function of drawing in the development of an invention. Everything must first be conceived in the mind of the person who is inventing it. Legitimate invention consists in filling wants. A man requires something to be done. He either plans some way to do it himself, or he applies to some one skilled in the art to scheme it out for him. Mr. Nasmyth has given us, in his book, the exact process of inventing the steam hammer. I cannot take a better example than this: The Great Western steamship had been built, and it had crossed the ocean and proved a success, and another steamer like it, the Great Britain, was to follow. But the gentleman who had charge of the manufacture of the Great Britain, Mr. Francis Humphreys, an engineer, met with an unexpected difficulty. They required a shaft 30 inches in diameter to pass across the ship, to carry the paddle wheels. He asked for bids for this from all the different forges in Scotland, but they all replied that they had no facilities for forging such a piece of wrought iron. The reason they could not forge it was that the helve hammers then in use were not large enough, nor could they be practically increased in size. The helve hammer of those days was a large mass of iron, rocking on a foot at one end of its length, and underneath it was a revolving set of cams, which lifted the massive head at the other end of the helve and allowed it to fall through an arc upon the anvil. Mr. Humphreys wrote to Mr. Nasmyth, stating his difficulties, and asked if cast iron could be substituted for wrought iron in this shaft, and he (Mr. Nasmyth) at once conceived the idea of how to accomplish the result desired. Mr. Nasmyth reasoned thus: The iron must be forged between two dies, one of which should move

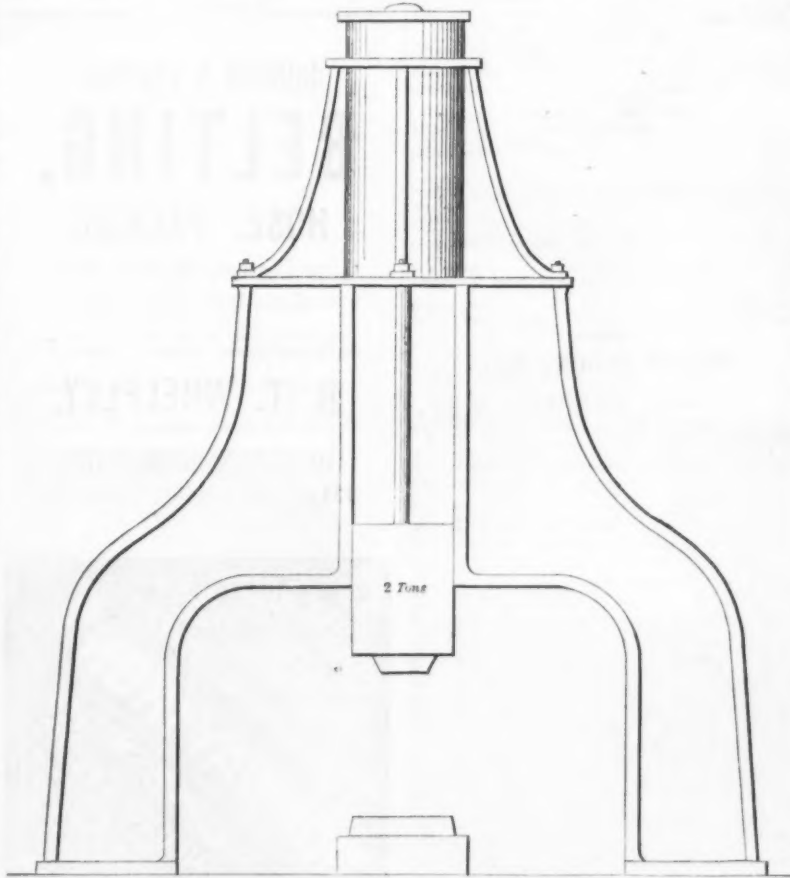


Fig. 3.—Sketch of the First Steam Hammer.

vertically. The trouble with the helve hammer is that it does not rise high enough. In the ideal hammer the upper die must move up vertically, and what is easier than to make the hammer slide up and down vertically in guides? Next, how shall it be lifted? There are many ways of picking it up; probably the best way would be to put a rod at the top, passing into a steam cylinder, and so raise the weight by steam directly, and when the steam is withdrawn from under it, it will fall. He made at first a rough sketch, which has been preserved, and then a second sketch on the same page, which is really a fair representation of the steam hammer that is now known all over the world by Mr. Nasmyth's name.

I will give you a little idea of what it is. (Here Mr. Sellers drew the outline of the steam hammer, using both hands at the same time, Fig. 3). Here we have two frames. There is a weight sliding in between these two frames. This weight is marked two tons. From the top of this weight there is an iron rod passing from the center of the weight up into a steam cylinder, and we will make dotted lines in the cylinder to indicate the bore. In the cylinder he places what is called a piston, which is connected with this rod, and this square place represents the valve-chest containing the valve, and a rod from that is run down to the workman, who stands at the working-lever on the outside, and he, by moving the lever up and down, actuates the valve and lets steam underneath the piston or opens the exhaust. I have described the process by which the invention of the steam-hammer was accomplished, and it may be taken as a fair example of the way in which, at the proper time, inventions are generally made. The difficulties arise, and the means to overcome them are produced.

When a drawing like this is to be made (showing a drawing), various calculations have to be gone through with. Let me explain. On the original paper showing Mr. Nasmyth's invention you will find little notes. On the supposition that the falling weight is two tons—that is, twice 2240 pounds (in America it would be twice 2000 pounds)—he divides 4480 pounds by what he

thinks is the pressure that the steam would work best at. There he must use his judgment. He divides it by, say, 15, because he imagines that 15 pounds to the square inch would be a good pressure to move it quickly. Then he finds the number of square inches of area of the cylinder. He then has as a starting point the fact that a cylinder of a certain diameter will lift the given weight if the steam pressure is so many pounds per inch.

It occurs to my mind at this moment that a few words about areas of circles will be of use. We are taught at school we must square the diameter—that is, we must multiply the diameter by itself, and then multiply the product by the decimal .7854. This rule is ground into everybody's mind who has to use it all the time; I learned it at school, but I was a man grown when the reason why this is done suddenly burst upon my mind. It was an arbitrary rule for me to work to, and I learned it by rote. In practice we use tables, such as circumference or area tables, square-root tables and other tables with which our books are filled, without probably having any idea of how they are constructed. By looking at such a table, in a book, I saw that a circle 1 inch in diameter has an area of .7854. In other words, the diameter 1 inch, multiplied by 1 inch, is 1 square inch, and a circle 1 inch in diameter will have an area of .7854, and a square having for its side the same length as the diameter of a circle will always bear the same relation to that circle as the ratio between 1 and .7854. How this was found out we need not care—some mathematician worked it out—but it is a good thing to get into your head, no matter how it comes. It is information that sticks to you all the time; you never lose it. As soon as you find that you can use it understandingly, it is of use to you. It is utterly impossible for any mind to become interested in geometry, unless geometry has been taught first by constructing the objects to be analyzed. After geometry has been taught by construction—that is, by teaching how a circle is made by the compass, and how it is divided into various angles, how squares are constructed, how angles are made, and how everything that is to be used afterward in geometry is formed upon the paper—the next thing to do is to apply the geometrical argument to these things, and the subject becomes intensely interesting. I remember perfectly well that when I was a pupil there was no subject that interested me so much as geometry. I asked permission to be separated from my class in geometry, because I did not get along fast enough. I do not remember having to read a proposition a second time. I knew what these figures all meant, and it was a pleasure to me to argue out the relations of their parts, one to another.

To return to our subject, a drawing such as that of the hammer which I have described to you is called a "design." Calculations have to be made of the strength of the parts in order to ascertain their sizes. This hammer in falling may not always hit immediately in the center of the object to be struck; sometimes it will strike on one corner, and the huge falling block will whip over to one side. So the mechanical engineer must proportion his machine to stand this strain, and others of like character, and then add something for margin after that. When this steam hammer was first built no end of trouble was experienced with the little rod that lifted the weight up. It broke all the time, and they were quite puzzled to know how to remedy this defect in it. Mr. Nasmyth told them that they had not examined his sketch carefully; if they had done so they would have seen that when the piston-rod passed down into the big block or hammer head it entered a chamber, and a head on the lower end of the rod was surrounded by elastic material, leather or something similar, to relieve the strain of the blow. His judgment showed him that here would be such a difficulty, and he had indicated that elastic substance in his original sketch, but it had not been observed. How Mr. Nasmyth got his information as to the need of elasticity, it is rather difficult to explain; but I think that all practical information of that kind is obtained by contact with material that you have to work with. He calls the science of engineering "common sense applied to material," and I think in that expression we see what was the main spring of his success. The engineer requires a knowledge of material; he requires a knowledge of all the different kinds of wood, iron or other materials that he may have occasion to work with. There is no limit to the amount of knowledge that the mechanical engineer will find of use to him. He applies the law of common sense to material, and constructs machines that perform more work and better than man's hand can do.

One thing that Mr. Nasmyth says struck me as very good indeed. "All information comes to us, not only through the eyes, but also through the tips of the bare fingers." He said that, although he had noticed a great many engineers that were addicted to wearing kid gloves, yet he could assure them that there was nothing more non-conducting to practical information than kid gloves. If he had added parting the hair in the middle, it would have been an additional description of an engineer of the non-absorbent kind. A boy that goes into a machine shop has got to go through a very rough school before coming out an engineer; but if he goes in with a knowledge of drawing, and that only, he will make better progress. I do not say that trades must be taught in the public schools; I am utterly opposed to that, but I want the education of the public-school children to be in the direction of something to do, and not merely something to know. The principles that underlie the trades can be reduced to a common basis, and if the boy or girl is taught to use his or her fingers by using a pencil, he or she will be ready to do more difficult work, because they have learned that delicate touch that only comes through the use of the pencil or its equivalent. Too much stress cannot be laid upon drawing.

I have told you that drawing has been called the universal language, and I may add that it can be used to convey false ideas. I am going to illustrate that by a little anecdote. Some years ago I was at tending in Boston the meeting of the Society of Railway Master Mechanics. An excursion

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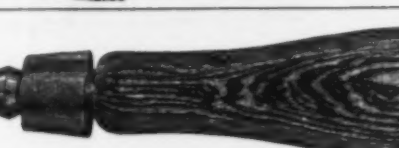
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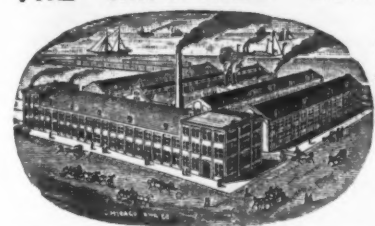
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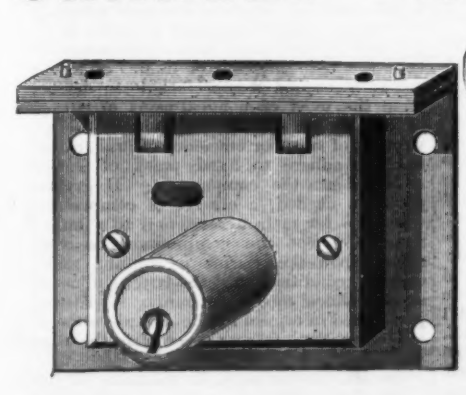
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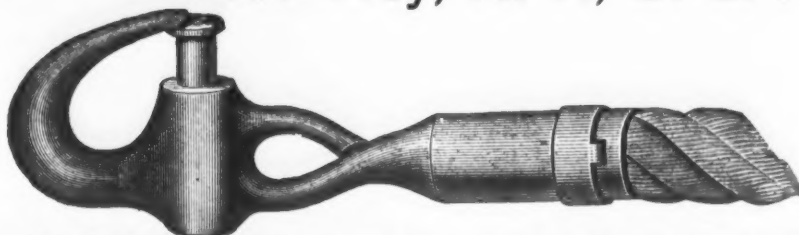
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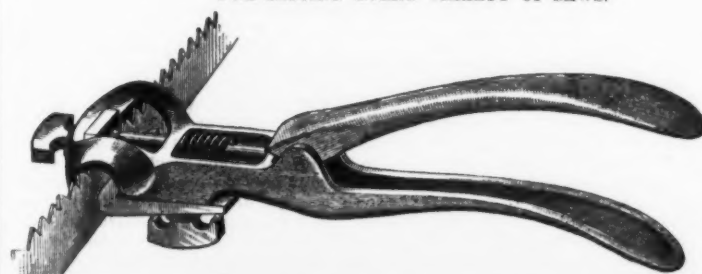
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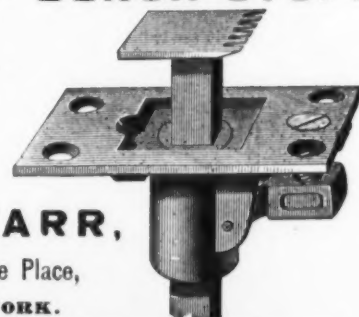
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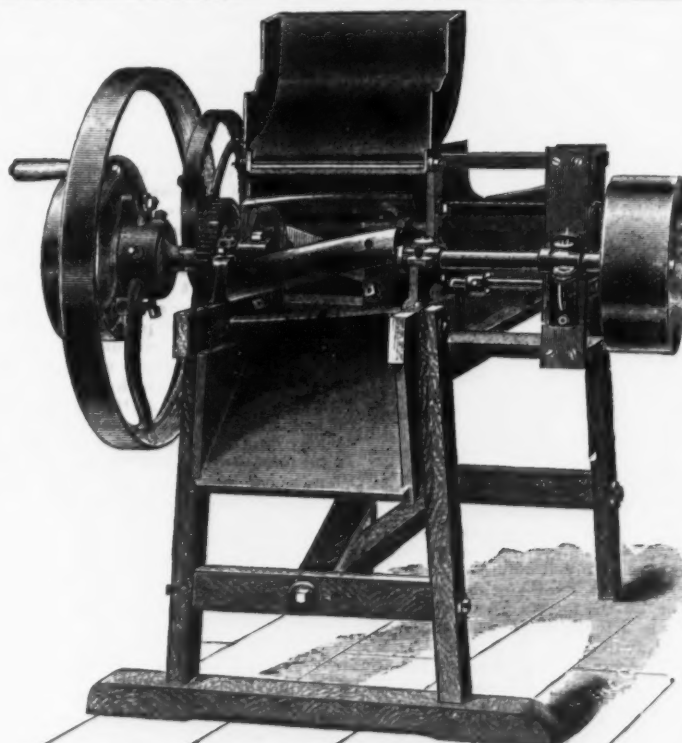
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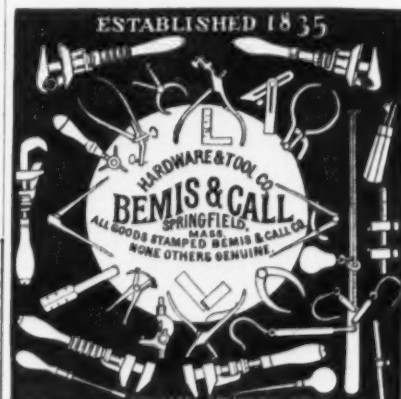
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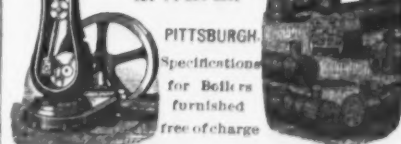
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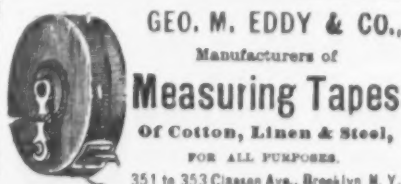


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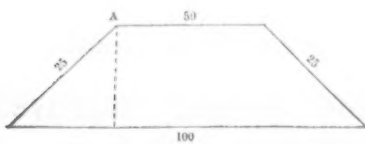
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sion had been made out to some of the lakes north of Boston. Just as we reached Boston on the return trip a lady handed a card to me, which she said contained a little problem that she would like to have solved. A sketch was on the card, and thanking her and promising to look at it, I put the card in my pocket and went to the hotel, and from there went to Gilmore's grand musical festival, which took place in Boston that summer, and in the interval between two parts of the performance I thought of that card, and without taking it out of my pocket, the picture on the card came into my mind, and this is what she gave me (see Fig. 4).



Machine Construction.—Fig. 4.—A Problem to be Solved.—Required, the Area.

Now, what is the area of that figure? I have often amused myself giving this problem to people and noting their replies. I remember giving it to a surveyor in the city of Philadelphia, one of the Board of Managers of the Franklin Institute. "I will tell you how to do it," he said, "I will make a perpendicular here. Now I have the starting point of the thing. This is 25 feet long, and, let me see—you have got to get the length of this." And so he went on, little by little, more and more confused for want of figures, not thinking to add the three short sides together. They would, so added, have made only a hundred, and it would have brought the three sides down to the fourth side, and the top and bottom lines would have come together, and there would have been no area. You see this is a false drawing,



Fig. 5.—Examples of Switches.

but a great many people fail to see a catch like that, and this shows that in addition to drawing there is required a certain amount of education of the perceptive faculties.

In a drawing we look to see whether parts of machines interfere with one another. Every part of a machine must be made to do its allotted work, and do it without clashing; so that an engineer ought to be able to look at a drawing and detect the errors. He must be able to do it, not merely by looking at a thing right side up, but also by looking at it wrong side up. To him there must be neither up nor down to it. It should make no difference to him whether it is presented to him one way or another. It is not necessary for any of you, in looking at a map in the geography, to place it in any particular position to have it perfectly understood. And, what is more, an engineer must be able to make the drawing just as readily up side down as right side up. I invariably draw facing toward the person to whom I wish to explain the subject. What I mean by that is this (placing a large card before him). Suppose it is necessary to talk to some one about a machine that is to be contrived. For instance, to make it perfectly plain, some one wishes a hydrostatic press made to perform a certain amount of work. That



Fig. 6.—The Use of Switches in Industrial Design.

press must have a certain amount of motion, and he wishes to know how it is to be arranged. I would tell him that I think the best way would be to construct the press (drawing on the card, as he talks, and looking at it from the top, but drawing it right side up for the audience) in such a way as to make the packings accessible, and I would thus proceed with the explanation and the drawing, drawing the figure up side down to me. I give you this illustration to show you that that is the way to work. We endeavor in all cases to so comprehend the subject that there is no up nor down to it, and I advise you, every one, when learning to draw, to

try to acquire that method of drawing up side down, as well as right side up, so far as constructive drawings are concerned.

In reference to the instruments which are used, you are all probably familiar with them. I have told you that drawings are made for the machine shop with instruments. These instruments are very few. They consist of a T-square and certain triangles that rest upon the T-square, and a handful of instru-



Fig. 7.—Further Examples of the Practical Use of Switches.

ments such as I have in my hand here. Generally, the young draftsman comes into the drafting-room with a lot of highly-polished instruments in a wooden, velvet-lined case, but he ends with a handful that are thrown promiscuously into the drawer. In addition to these instruments, there are certain shapes that cannot be produced with the compass and square. They are represented by what are sometimes called French curves.

When I first commenced to work at drawing, I got hold of a wrinkle which Mr. Nasmyth claims to have invented in 1836, and which probably he did originate. It is a process of producing irregular forms such as I have described. According to this principle this little curve was made (showing an elliptical-shaped piece of wood). It has been a pet curve of mine, and it is made by the process which Mr. Nasmyth calls a "switch." If, upon a piece of cardboard, you make with a pencil a quick motion like that (illus-

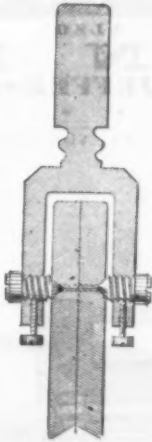


Fig. 8.—The Alteneder Joint.

trating), you will produce a curve much better and more perfect than can possibly be produced by any slow motion, because the impetus given to the hand in passing across the paper produces a graceful shape. I will take this piece of cardboard and cut out the curve so made and explain to you its use. You can from this cardboard transfer the line to a piece of wood, and then, to true the edge to the curve, rub it with sandpaper. Now, in this the fingers come into play as safer guides than the eye. If you rub it on the sandpaper to produce a proper shape, you can tell better by the fingers whether you have removed the irregularities than you can by the eye (drawing a figure of an urn). You can readily see how geometrical figures can be produced by this. Mr. Nasmyth says that he has explained this principle frequently to potters, showing them how to produce new designs. He gives in his book a number of beautiful forms produced by combining these "switches."

I would like to tell you what constitute good and bad instruments. If you give a young man good tools he will do better work than with poor ones. There is nothing which has passed through such a period of nonsensical construction as the instruments called compasses and dividers used by draftsmen. Here is a compass (exhibiting) devised by one of the most celebrated English manufacturers, which I have had ever since I was a boy. The joint is made of several leaves of steel passing between leaves of brass. It is in some places very tight and in others very loose, so that there is no certainty in its action. You always feel uncertain as to how you are going to close it. It was left for a German living in Philadelphia, named Alteneder, to produce a satisfactory joint. Here is a compass constructed on that principle. If you load this leg with a certain load it will pass around through its whole arc with exactly the same resistance, and with the same velocity at all points. How does he accomplish this? The method of doing it is one of the most instructive examples of common sense applied to material. If you press one substance on another and have only the two surfaces in contact, if they are plane surfaces there will be the same friction in all the parts. So, instead of making the old form, he arranged it in this way (sketch, illustrating by drawing, Fig. 8.) He halves the two legs of the compass so

that one surface of each half shall be in contact with one surface of the other half; then he holds them in contact by means of a yoke and set screws on the yoke, which press the surfaces in contact with even elastic pressure, and the two comparatively true planes work in each other with an even motion and no tight or loose places. This joint was protected by patents in America, but it is manufactured in various parts of Europe, and I

If you tell a child to draw a line straight (by all means do not compel him to draw lines at first, but let him make some kind of pictures of objects), how are you to convince a child that a line is or is not straight. You can show it to him with a stretched string as well as with a rule or a perfect straight-edge. So, in teaching drawing in public schools, if you will only not try to cram the scholars with too many rules, and let them do the best they can, they will learn to draw. And how will they learn? Why, by drawing. The more you do, the better work you will do. If you begin with a young child, drawing will be easier than any other of its studies.

A man came to me one day, and said: "I have made a great invention; I have got a machine for clipping horses. It is a very ingenious thing indeed. I will explain it to you. Let me see. Here is where I get the power from (making a dot on the blackboard, Fig. 10), then I take it right down here (drawing a slanting line), then I go off here and I put the clipper here, and from this point I transfer the power there." I asked him, "How do you do it?" But I found he had not an idea of how the joints should be made, and that is just what he wanted me to invent for him, and a flexible joint was my part of the invention, and that was really all there was in it. He had a general idea in his head, but he had not worked out any of its details. He thought it might be done, and so concluded he had invented it. That matter of invention is a matter that cannot be too carefully guarded. I have the utmost contempt for professional inventors who invent for the sake of inventing, hoping to make a happy hit. A man should have no pride of invention. You have to bring yourself to that before you can do good work. If to-day you should invent a thing and find that it does not thoroughly accomplish the purpose for which it was intended, or that some other person had anticipated you in it, no pride in the invention should prevent you from throwing the machine into the scrap pile, and you should commence on another basis.

We were at one time building a large machine for the Russian Government, and it was necessary to cause an immense weight to be lifted by a screw; but the screw would turn backward, and something must be done to prevent this reaction. I told the draftsman to put a certain device at the bottom of



Fig. 10.—Machine for Clipping Horses.

the screw, and I sketched it for him in a free-hand sketch; but all that night I was worried about it, and I told him the next day that I thought it had already been patented by some one. But he looked at me and said: "You invented that device yourself," and he went to the patent drawer and took out a patent for that very device which I had procured some years before, and I found that I had actually invented it myself. In written language you have letters; you combine these letters into words, and these words are again combined into sentences, and these express the ideas which you wish to convey to the world. So it is with machines. You combine in them the knowledge of a great many people. You combine numerous little devices which are really the alphabet of the mechanical engineer. The greatest machines are constructed by combinations of simple mechanical devices, based upon the lever and the screw.

I find I have talked even longer than I intended, and so will not detain you any longer, but, in conclusion, desire to thank you for the kind attention you have given to my remarks.

**A Miniature Locomotive.**—According to an exchange, the smallest locomotive engine ever built in the United States for regular work was turned out by M. M. Buck & Co. this week and shipped to the Edmore plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. This little engine was designed by and built under the supervision of Mr. Jay Noble, and is as perfect a piece of mechanism as one could wish to see. Its diminutiveness may be understood from the following facts respecting it: 21½ inch gauge; diam-

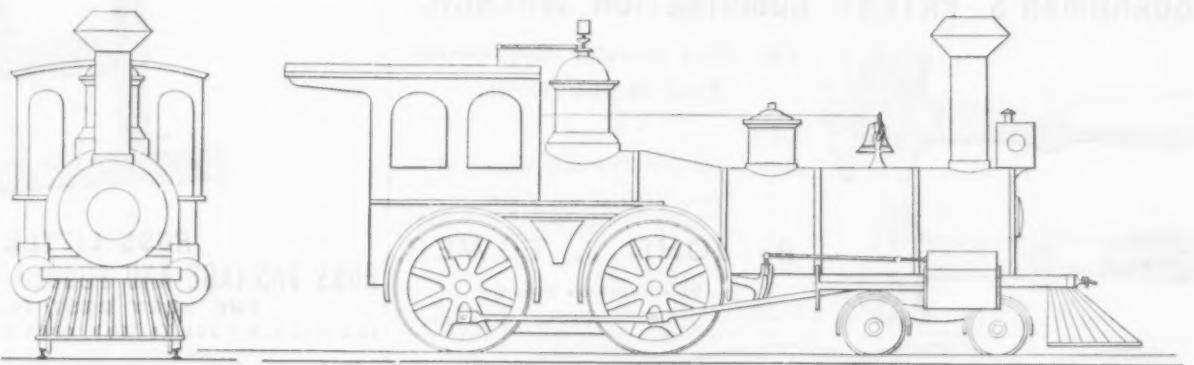


Fig. 9.—Drawing of a Locomotive.

eter of cylinder, 6½ inches; stroke, 10 inches; four wheels; diameter of driving-wheels, 22 inches; height of engine to top of boiler, 4 feet 7 inches; weight, without water, 5250 pounds. The engine has link-motion and is made of the best materials throughout. The boiler is made of ¼-inch iron and is 30 inches in diameter in the barrel. It is provided with an Orin patent pop-valve, has a steel fire-box, and is fed by two inspirators. The tank is made of No. 10 iron, has four wheels of a diameter of 16 inches, a capacity of 380 gallons, and weighs, without water, 1400 pounds. In experimenting with the engine before it was shipped, it was found to act very obediently under the hand of the engineer, being quick at starting and stopping. On a 90-foot track a good speed was attained and the engine stopped before leaving the end of the track. It will be used on a portable railroad, in building which T-iron weighing only 10 pounds to the yard will be used. This road, it may be added, is to be used for the transportation of sugar

evident that this proposition resulted from an erroneous impression as to why a moderate ratio of expansion secured the greatest economy in the running of the engine. It was, of course, because this ratio, determined by a method taking into consideration all the money expenses of developing the power, was such that its use insured the development of a power giving the greatest horse-power per dollar of expense. In reality it was synonymous with the determination of the mean effective pressure for greatest economy, and, of course, a variation in compression would effect this mean effective pressure just as well as a variation in expansion, and thus the change by compression possesses no advantage on this score. The disadvantages it has, of probable efficiency of fluid, and without doubt less range of power, we have already referred to. Certainly the new mode of regulation proposed, has no disadvantages on the score of contributing to the economical running of engines.

### Regulation of Steam Engines by Compression.

The view seems to be gaining ground in some quarters, says the *American Engineer*, that since in every particular engine there is some point of cut-off, the adherence to which insures the greatest economy, the regulation of the engine to meet the variation of power demanded from it can be secured most advantageously by varying the compression instead of the expansion. This view, however, is an erroneous one. The best point of cut-off or the best ratio of expansion in any engine is determined and fixed by the consideration that the power developed shall be such as will make current money cost per horse-power per hour less than that of any other power which the engine could develop with the same initial pressure and rate of revolution. Now, the engine being designed and run to develop the usual or average horse-power with this ratio or expansion for greatest economy, a variation of power must be provided for, and such variation, be it an increase or decrease, involves a somewhat less economy. This is true, whether the decrease or increase of power takes place by a change of the rate of expansion or by leaving that point fixed and changing the compression. On the other hand, investigation shows that when the best point of cut-off for average conditions of running is determined and used, the point of cut-off can change during running to meet necessary fluctuations of power of 10 per cent., or even slightly more, on each side of the average or usual power required, without at all sensibly affecting the usual economy of the steam engine. This would apply with equal effect to the change of compression, and the regulation by change of compression or by change of expansion would be on a par were it not for the following fact:

The ratio of expansion which economy of current money expense dictates is in practice greater than that which would secure the best efficiency of fluid. So if less power is needed it is preferable to deviate from the most economical point of cut-off, by cutting off shorter and gaining the advantage of superior efficiency of fluid, rather than to adhere to fixed point of cut-off and increase the compression. If greater power is needed, a change of compression will allow for such increase only to a limited degree, except the compression be very great when the engine is running under ordinary conditions, and the latter will not be an economical mode of running for reasons just stated in regard to the consideration of a development of less power than the usual amount.

As Mr. Porter says, in referring to this mode of regulation in cases of mills which run with an almost unvarying load all day, a variation of 10 or 20 per cent., possibly sometimes 5 per cent., is all that is necessary to be provided for in practice; on the other hand, when the range of variation is more extreme, the compression line would not by any means provide the requisite variation in the power exerted by the engine. He sums up the whole question tersely by upholding that with a fixed point of closing and a small percentage of waste-room, so that the compression line can rise to the boiler pressure, the best way of regulating the engine, the most economical and advantageous in all respects, is by varying the point of cut-off.

Whatever claim the "throttle-governor" advocates may put forward against this view, and they can present some evidence entitled to careful consideration, there can be no doubt that a fixed point of closing, so that the compression line can rise to the boiler pressure, is the solution of the question, as far as the compression line enters as a factor in the economy of engines. When the variation of power by regulation of compression was first proposed in print, it was



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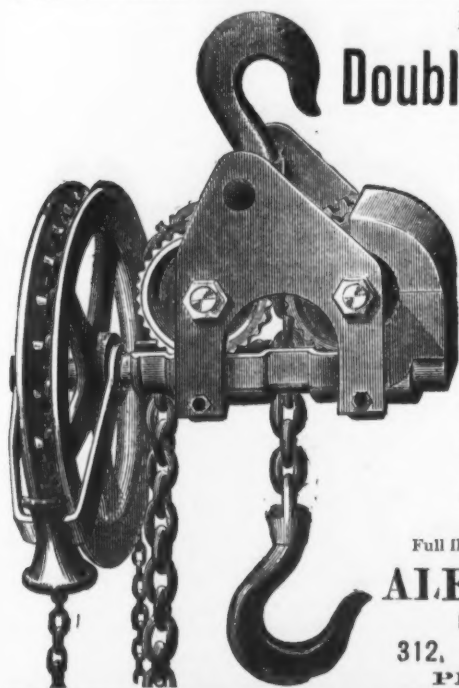
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Jennings C. E. & Co., 65 Chambers, N. Y. .... 32  
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James Boyd's Sons, 10 and 12 Franklin, N. Y. 12  
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Nickel Platers' Supplies,  
New York Wire & Cable Co., 92 Liberty, N. Y. 1  
The Zuecker & Levett Chemical Co., 50 to 54 West  
10th, N. Y. 1  
Norway Shapes, *Rollers of*,  
Naylor Co., N. Y. 9  
Rowland Wm. & Harvey, Frankford, Philadelphia 50  
Nuts, Bolts, etc., *Makers of*,  
Allentown Rolling Mill Co., Allentown, Pa. 5  
Johnston & Co., 100 West 10th, N. Y. 4  
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Phosphor Bronze Smetting Co., Limited, 512 Arch  
Philadelphia 13  
Pliers,  
Pierces & Co., 21 Broadway, N. Y. 4  
Pig Iron,  
Jefferson Iron Works, Steubenville, O. 45  
Quincey J. W. & Co., 68 William, N. Y. 4  
Shannon Iron, Lumber, Mining and Mfg. Co.,  
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Pipes, Fittings, etc., *Makers of*,  
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., 65 John, N. Y. 47  
Pipe, Water and Gas, *Makers of*,  
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Pa. 37  
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Wood R. D. & Co., 400 Chestnut, Philadelphia 14  
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Buck Bros., Milbury, Mass. 29  
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Pistons,  
Brettell Geo. & Co., Rochester, N. Y. 49  
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Danne, Stoddard & Kendall, Boston, Mass. 16  
J. R. Torrey Razor Co., Worcester, Mass. 16  
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Pierce Geo. N. & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 41  
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**Supplies for Rolling Mills, &c.**  
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**Tacks.—American Tack Co., Chicago, Ill.** .... 14  
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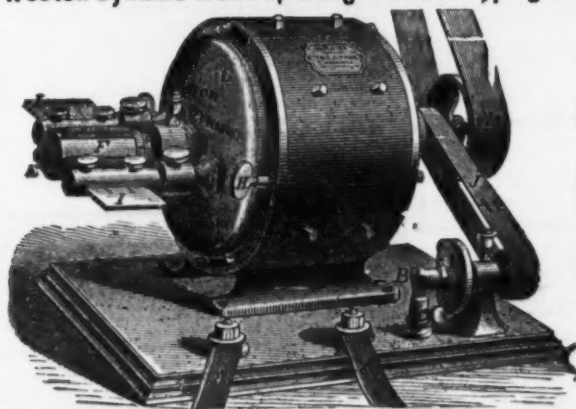
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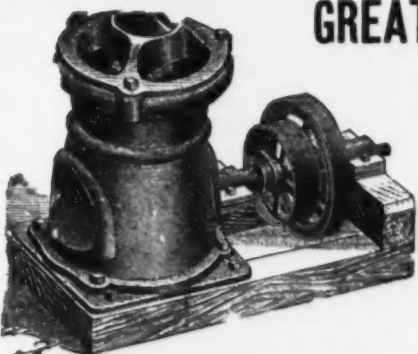
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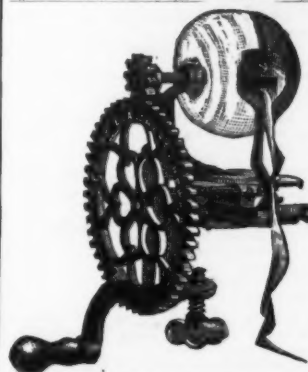
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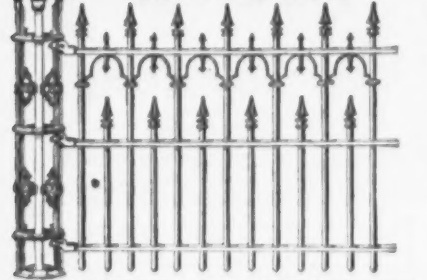


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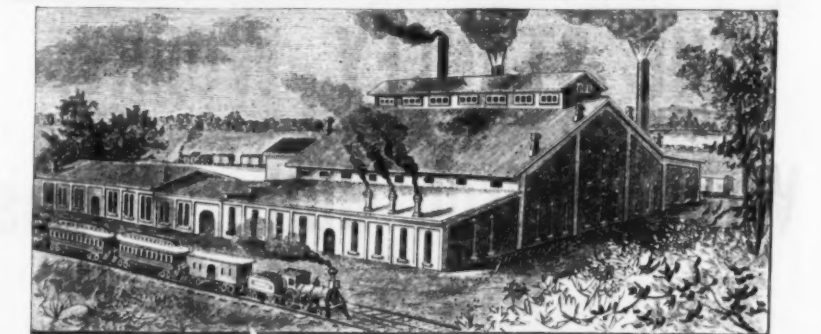
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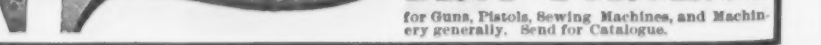
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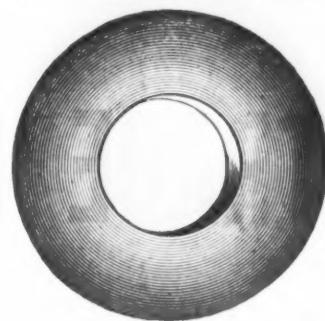
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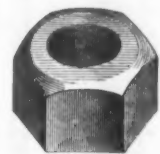
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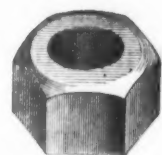
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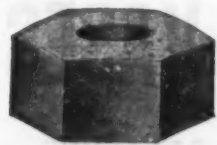
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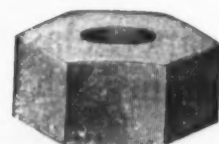
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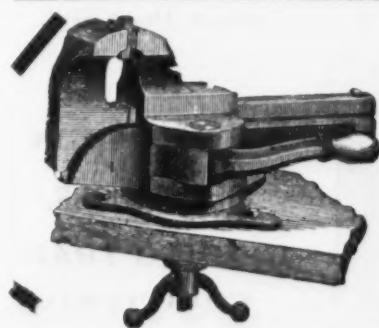


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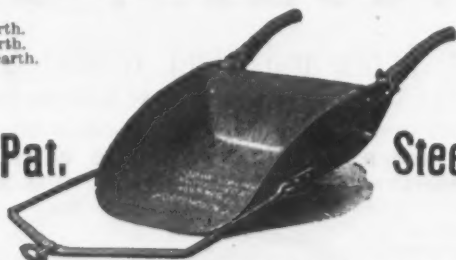
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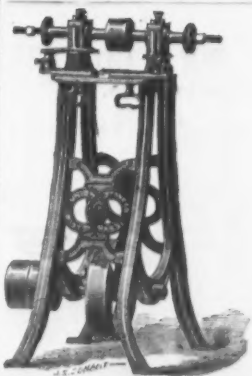
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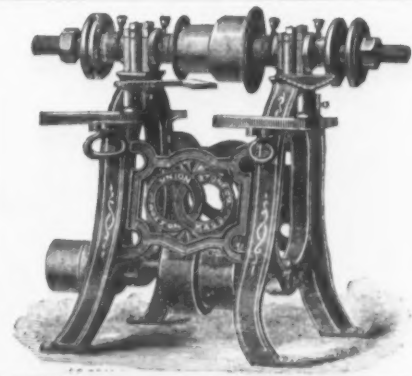
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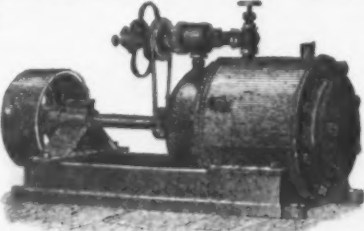
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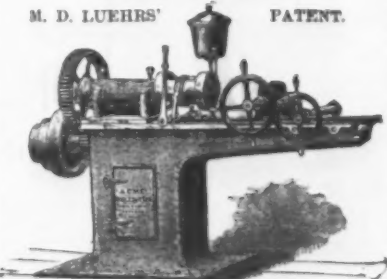


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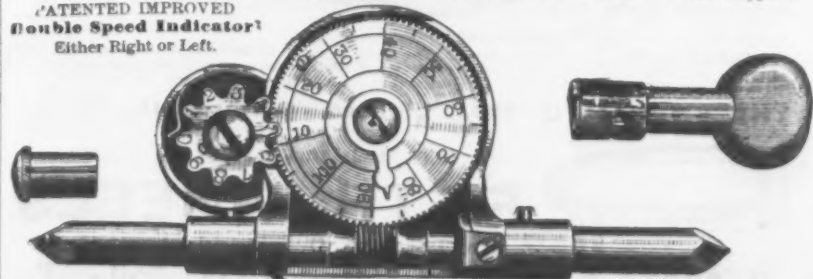
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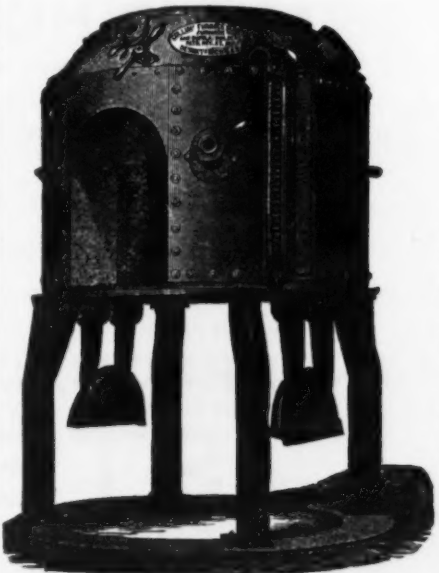
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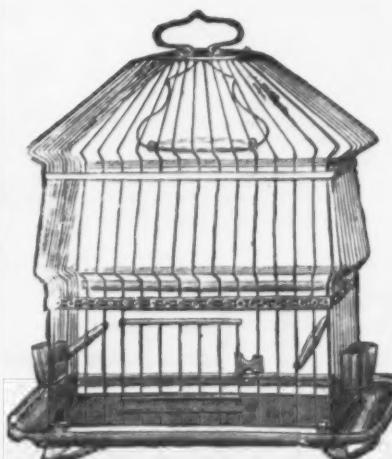
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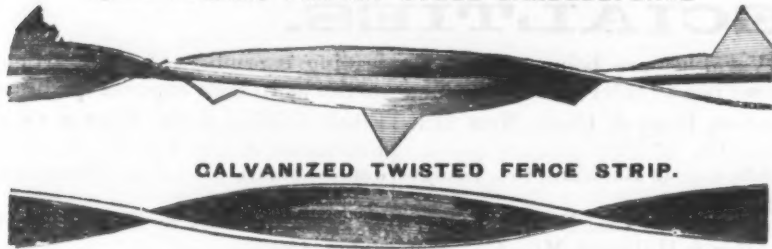


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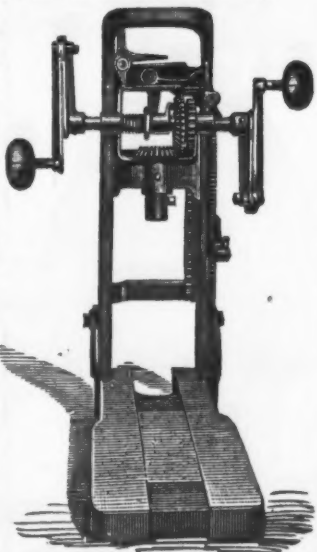
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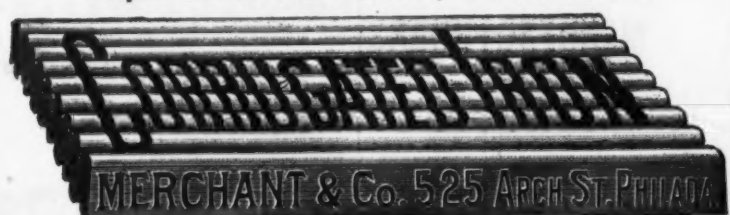


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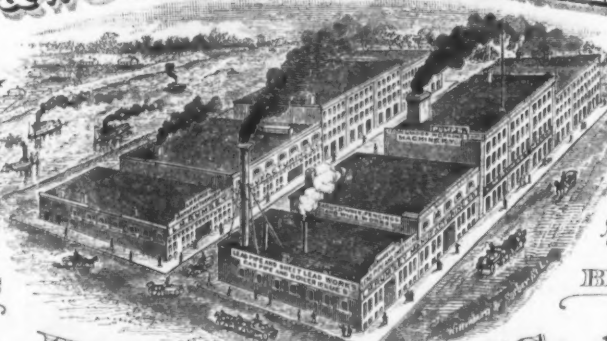
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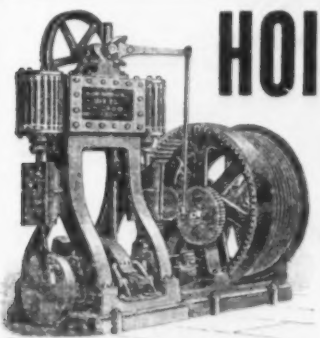
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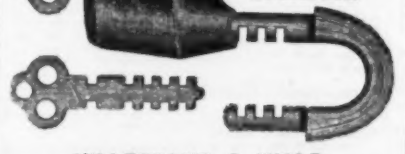
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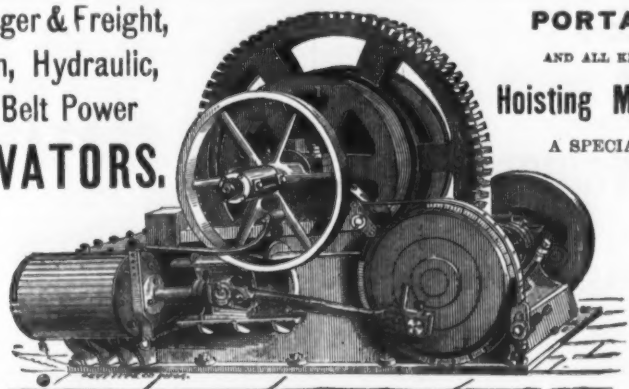
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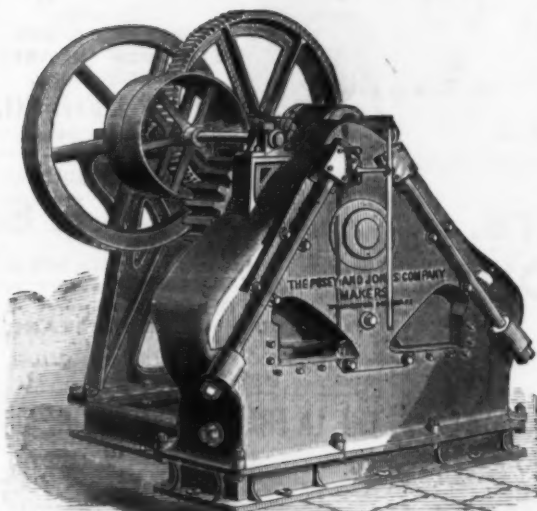
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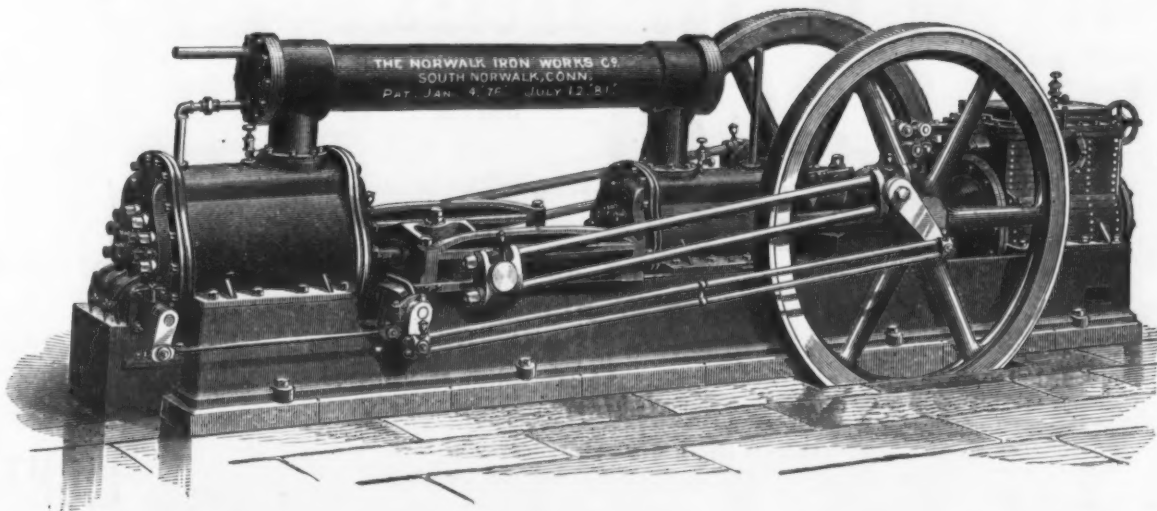
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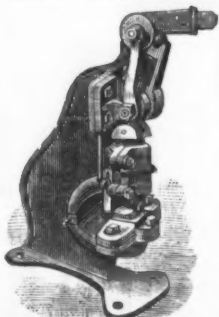


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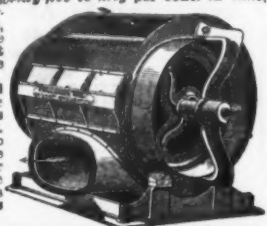
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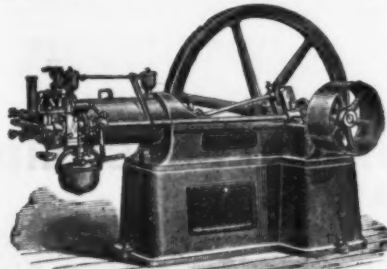
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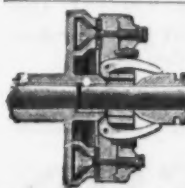
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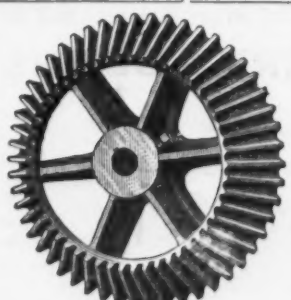
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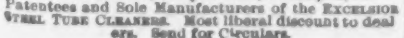
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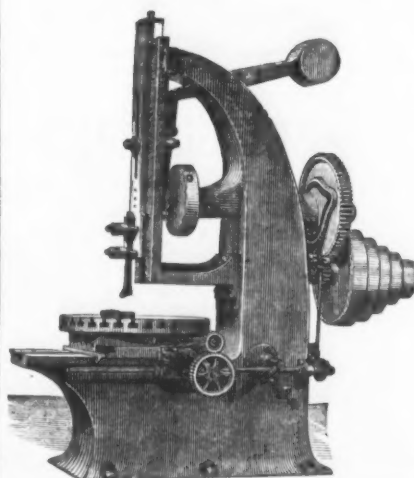
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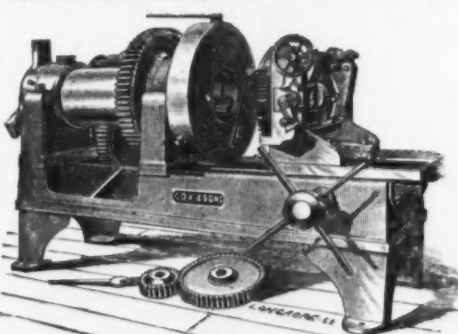
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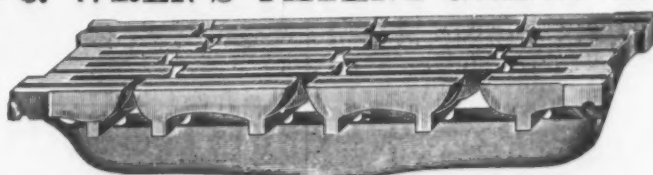
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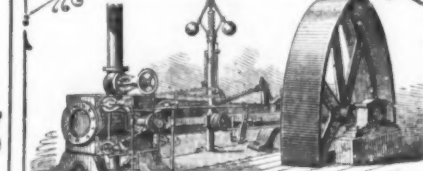
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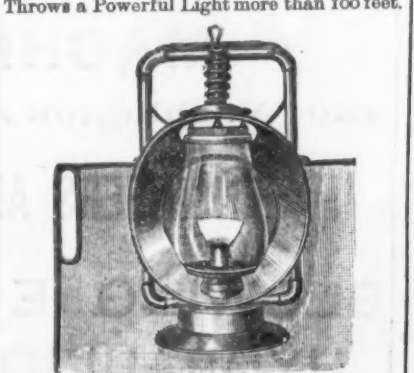
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